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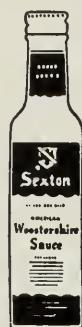
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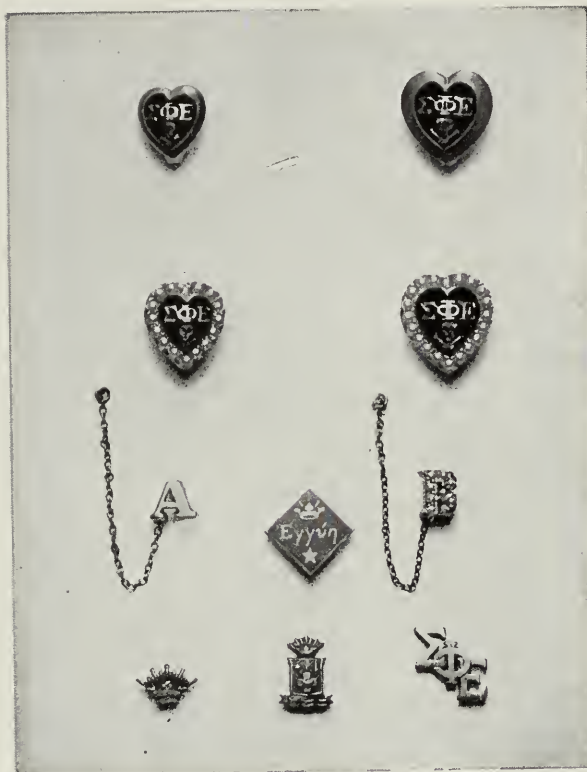
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No one could tell me where
my soul might be;
I searched for God but He
eluded me;
I sought my brother out and
found all three.
—Ernest Howard Crosby

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DEADLINES: 25TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHS: JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, DECEMBER, FEBRUARY, AND APRIL



PRESIDENT CHUCK EDWARDS of the Tulsa chapter turns on a smile eclipsed only by that of Mary Ann Ramsey, Kappa Kappa Gamma, the girl chosen Sweetheart at chapter's Golden Heart Formal.

If these smiles get over well in print, it may be partly because the JOURNAL's engravings are made with official Sig Ep pride, being the work of the Hampshire Engraving Company, Manchester, N.H., of which concern Grand Marshal Bob Kelly is president. Thanks to Bob also and to his organization for our new cover design.

Fare inside includes an article on Montana's new Governor John W. Bonner by Dean James L. C. Ford, an Easter message by Grand Chaplain Thomas V. McCaul, preview of the Conclave by John Branta, reports of the most recent installations, views on Expansion, Wilson B. Heller's piece in the Chief Rivals series on Sigma Chi, and comment on the state of things by WWHJr.

In this 80-page issue, 17 pages are devoted to expansion and installations, 5 to the coming Conclave, 30 to On the Campus, half that number to the Alumni, and the remainder to other matters. Sorry that notices of marriage, birth, and death, as well as a number of Sig Epic Achievement items originally scheduled, have to be held over for next time.

—J.R.

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Pleasant Voices



Elvin Richmond

My son's JOURNAL [Elvin T. Richmond, ET 2, USN, Iowa Alpha, '48] is coming here, however he is in Hawaii, about 30 miles from Honolulu, where he is in the Navy as an electronics technician, second class. Plays basketball at the base and is to be supervisor of one of the watches.

Christmas present he likes best is a Sig Ep ring. His last leave home he attended homecoming at Iowa Wesleyan and kept busy helping the fraternity in its work in various competitions. I know he would appreciate it if his JOURNAL were sent to him direct.—HERBERT M. RICHMOND, clergyman, lecturer, entertainer, Unionville, Iowa.

Many thanks to our fine U. of North Carolina chapter for kind words regarding the Texas men's recent visit to Chapel Hill. Our men had a great time, and so did our good Kappa Alpha Theta friends. Texas Alpha hopes that the North Carolina men will journey to

Our Cover

OUR house at Indiana claims to be the first on the campus at Bloomington to have television, and to bolster such a story we have Bill Hughes (kneeling) and Richard Guteruth eagerly finding out about the new-fangled thing. Chapter won it, just as did Cal Beta a few weeks back, by collecting the most Philip Morris wrappers—8,500 of them. Cal Beta, incidentally, had to get 28,500.

Bill Sonntag, of the Purdue chapter, an electrical engineer in the local plant of R.C.A., bought the aerial at cost, helped put it up, and got the set to work.

Texas soon so that we may return the hospitality.

We of Texas Alpha feel that the Sig Eps of Texas and surrounding states see much too little of each other and are brought together too seldom to be neighbors. We Texas Alphans have a good time here; the University of Texas affords excellent entertainment of all types. Spring brings top-ranking name orchestras and Broadway shows to town; the night clubs are good, and so is the food. Austin is ideal for sport lovers, too, being situated in the famed Texas Hill Country; our many natural water bodies make for excellent yachting, racing, and swimming. A weekend in Austin is a real vacation! Let's see more of you Sig Eps in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and every place else!—DON REEVES, Historian, *Texas Alpha*, Austin, Tex.

Congratulations to Sig Ep chapters recently installed at Miami U, Oxford, Ohio; Bradley U, Peoria, Ill., and Washington U at St. Louis. It is inspiring to know that Sig Ep is continuing to build chapters such as these mentioned and that brothers are maintaining these chapters with virtue, diligence, and brotherly love.—LYMAN F. GREEN, JR., historian, *Colorado Beta*, Denver, Colo.

Your magazine has been "following me" for 20 years to various points in Oklahoma while newspapering and Chamber of Commerce-ing. Thanks a million. Rest assured that it has been appreciated and perused from "kiver to kiver." It has served to keep me abreast of activities and progress of Sig Eps everywhere and has stirred within me a deeper appreciation of my own chapter and a sincere interest in its continuous growth and welfare. Keep the JOURNAL coming, please, for another 20 years.—CLARENCE PADEN, *Oklahoma Alpha*, '27, secretary-manager, Chamber of Commerce, Perry, Okla.

Rebuilding Wash Beta

At our last meeting it was decided that as a small compensation for the great loss felt by the Washington Beta Chapter, that our members and pledges would each give fifty cents and have the chapter match the total amount. This should make a sum of about sixty dollars. It is our hope that this will in some way help to rebuild the Washington Beta Chapter.—WILLIAM H. LEA, JR., Secretary, *Vermont Alpha*, Northfield, Vt.

We of the University of Washington chapter want to express our gratitude to Sig Ep chapters

all over the country, especially the new chapters, for letters, encouragement, and contributions. Our hearts were filled to the brimming as we read of the proposed plan Oregon Alpha put forth. To the many friends of our president, Bob Feller, at Washington State—he is now completely well and back on the job cracking the whip. Emmett Miller, Harold Peterson, Fred Bruhn, Don Loken, Don Seefried, and George Farnsworth are the boys who were injured in jumping or suffering from burns—and they are back in school as if nothing happened.—JIM MERGENS, historian, *Washington Beta*, Seattle, Wash.

■ See also Jim Mergens' excellent chapter letter in "*On the Campus*," which gives a firsthand account of this chapter's recent disaster.

Nothing's Impossible

With two boys rapidly approaching college age, I am very much interested in the possibility of reviving the Sig Ep chapter at my alma mater of William and Mary. I should be very glad to help in any way in the re-establishment of Virginia Delta, which was a flourishing chapter in the '20s.—BARTON PATTIE, '31, c/o The Associated Press, 85 Fleet Street, London E.C., England.

Roundup

All brothers from Georgia Tech are reminded that our annual local founders' day celebration will be held at the chapter house in Atlanta the first part of April. Further details will follow in the chapter newspaper.—WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH, historian, *Georgia Alpha*.

Expansion

Members of the D.C. Alumni Chapter have been discussing the pros and cons of our national expansion program, but as of this date final action on a proposed resolution has not been taken. More about this later.—JOSEPH H. NEWLIN, secretary, *D.C. Alumni Chapter*, 1515 N. Fillmore St., Arlington, Va.

■ D.C. and all alumni chapters in considering expansion policy would do well to get themselves addressed by a spokesman conversant with college and university campuses of the present day. Alumni, despite themselves, are too prone to travel in the perspective of their own bygone campus days. Thumbing through our 1937 edition of Patterson's *Educational Directory*, we have ourselves been badly misguided. Many fine campuses are in process of development and we should develop with them. Expansion is not the mere word itself; it means expansion of brotherhood—the spread of the

right kind of brotherhood in a world that is sorely hungry for it. Even the stone rejected by the builder sometimes becomes the head of the corner.—Ed.

What has become of the long promised symposium on the Pros and Cons of chapter expansion? It is quite evident from a quick glance at the geographical distribution of our present active chapters that we have a heavy concentration of houses in the Eastern part of the country. The Western chapters are in many cases rather isolated from each other and are in dire need of neighboring chapters in order to promote a strong spirit of brotherhood on a national scale. Let's continue to expand and expand in the "right" direction!—WILLIAM K. EMERSON, *California Beta* affiliate, *California Delta*, '48.

■ The Expansion Symposium has been in type for months, but in order to be able to present a well-balanced article advancing the best thought on both sides, we have held this up while hoping to obtain an AGAINST piece to run alongside of all the PRO. This has been difficult to obtain.—Ed.

Historical Note

This snap [see cut] was taken during the spring of 1946 on the campus of Utah State Agricultural College. It was the first visit to Utah Alpha by Bill Hindman since the chapter's reactivation the preceding February. On the Grand Secretary's right is Hal Edison, ex-paratrooper of the famous 82nd Division, and first prewar president of Utah Alpha. On Bill's left is Lyle Holmgren, Alumni Treasurer.

The photo is submitted to show the spirit of enthusiasm and confidence with which the Utah Alpha Chapter was re-activated. The brothers of Utah Alpha were determined that Sigma Phi Epsilon should again take its rightful place among the fraternities on the campus. The report we make at the outset of 1949 is to claim that place, modestly but most



When modern Sig Ep history was written in Mormon territory. Left to right: Holmgren, Hindman, and Edison. See the letter above.

assuredly, and to pronounce to our brothers throughout the country that Utah Alpha is again a healthy chapter, proud in its affiliation with the "Fraternity with a Heart."—LYLE HOLMGREN, *Utah Alpha*.

Let's Have Alumni Program

We heartily endorse the recent JOURNAL article, "Do We Need an Alumni Program?" Alumni organizations are entitled to more service than they have been getting from the National Office. The situation of the various alumni chapters and associations is in all respects that of local alumni chapters bound by no fraternal ties whatsoever. Even the help that we used to get from the listing in the JOURNAL of the active and alumni chapters with their addresses and officers is denied us. This deletion, probably for the sake of economy, has resulted in the almost complete isolation of the various chapters, since it removed the only convenient aid to intercommunication available to us. Without further beefing, we should like to say that the Baltimore Alumni Chapter strongly favors an alumni program which would incorporate the following minimum features:

1. A fulltime alumni secretary.
2. A regular distribution to the alumni organizations of news and material of value and interest to them.
3. Return to the JOURNAL or certain issues of the JOURNAL, the active and alumni chapter listings mentioned above.

We of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter would appreciate hearing from the Washington, D.C., or any other alumni chapters with a view to establishing closer fraternal relationships.

We want to continue to hear from all of our alumni. Please write us.—STEPHEN G. MORAN, *Maryland Alpha*, '29, 809 Kingston Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.

■ *The JOURNAL has been frankly ashamed to list Sig Ep alumni chapters and associations, because out of a total of 75 of them, all but a dozen have been blissfully asleep. See the August, 1948, JOURNAL for a portfolio of chapter houses, including street address and brief description of each. However, since they have been requested, both active and alumni group lists will be resumed in an early issue.—ED.*

Discrimination I

Referring to the editorial, "Little Utopias," in the February JOURNAL, what sort of national would we have with chapter autonomy to withhold recognition of initiates of today's 90 chapters even when using the same ideals, constitution, and ritual? Why continue national?

Isn't automatic recognition on a foreign campus (barring poor standing of individual) the backbone of national affiliation? Why should

Immortality

AN EASTER MESSAGE

By THOMAS V. McCaul

GRAND CHAPLAIN



AS WE approach the Blessed and Holy Day on which we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Redeemer, I wish to send my affectionate greetings to my brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. In this day of confusion and chaos in our thinking, when so much emphasis is being given to the material and temporal, it seems needful that we consider spiritual and eternal things such as the perpetuity of human personality.

From the moonlight age of humanity until now men have asked the question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" One may engage in conversation with any group of people today and sooner or later this question will be asked. It is universal. It is ever before us. It will not down. Now as always, three answers may be given: "No." "I do not know." "Yes."

A very few people have and do say, "No." A large number have and do say, "We do not know." It would serve little purpose to discuss these two groups. But the vast majority of people of all tribes, races, religions, and classes have and do say, "Yes." The Egyptians wrote on the linen in which they wrapped their dead: "The dead shall live again." And the ancient Greeks, Romans, Teutons, and others said, "Yes." The American Indians believed in their "Happy Hunting Ground."

Belief in the immortality of the human soul is one of the fundamental tenets of our religion. Philosophy says that man "hopes" for immortality, and, therefore, it must be so. This longing in the soul demands satisfaction. Other desires and longings are gratified. Why not this? God would not have put it in the human heart were it not possible to achieve. And for the same reason He would not permit those unfulfilled possibilities and that expanding personality. It does not make sense to say that man must die—pass out—just when he has lived long enough to know how to live.

Economy uses the argument of the conservation of matter and energy. Nothing is really lost or destroyed. God, the Great Economist, does not permit anything to be wasted or lost in Nature; and surely He will not permit the annihilation of His own great-

est work: the soul of man made in the divine image.

Ethics says, "It is right; he ought to live." So much injustice in this life. Truth often crushed to earth by the bloody hand of wrong. The moral character of God demands that things be righted hereafter.

Science says, "May be so." It refers us to seedtime and harvest and the miracle of Spring. But this is not sufficient. Someone has said: "If man is immortal, he is immortal now. Immortality is not an artificial addition to our present life but a natural continuation of it." Science assumes that the universe is a reasonable and law-abiding whole and affirms as true whatever propositions that are necessary to substantiate that assumption, whether or not those propositions can be verified. It says that whatever is necessary to make reasonable the facts of experience must be true. On this assumption of science we affirm God and immortality as true in order to establish the reasonableness of human life. And in doing so "we use the same intellectual process which Science used in asserting the conservation of energy."

But as Christians we say, "Yes, man shall live again." The Bible says so; Jesus Christ said so. "I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die." He conquered sin, death, and the grave and arose a living, glorified Redeemer. His Resurrection is the outstanding established and proven fact of history. The Risen Christ is the mighty, soul-satisfying argument that death does not end all. That is why George Douglas could have written these inspiring words: "Immortality! We bow before the very term. Immortality! Before it reason staggers, calculation reclines her tired head, and imagination folds her weary pinions. Immortality! It throws open the portals of the vast forever. It puts the crown of deathless destiny on every human heart. . . ."

And so, my brothers, as another believer has exclaimed: "IT puts spirit into us in life's vicissitudes. We go with firmer step to the battle, and when the night of affliction is dark and stormy, we have confidence of a daybreak whose skies shall be forever calm and clear."

The author of this message, GRAND CHAPLAIN THOMAS VADEN MCCAUL, is pastor of The First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida, and one of the original Founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

our nationwide unity be shaken or crumble because of these small-campus isolated cases of non-inclusion in the prevailing fraternity operation, many of whom would never have been in college except for the GI Bill?—AVERY B. DILLE, JR., *Mississippi Beta*, '39, 1438 Newton St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

■ There is but one urgent lesson before humanity today. While that lesson has many parts and each part assumes many forms, it all boils down to this: "Love thy neighbor." Love him not in a narrow yard alone, but also in One World.

In grasping this lesson, it is discouraging when an American fraternity man, above all others, reasons like an ostrich.

Automatic recognition on a foreign campus is NOT the backbone of national affiliation, for it is chiefly the heart that makes fraternity big, while the system of chapters is merely the form, it is the perfect Christian heart urging brotherly love that gives it breath and energy. Without this, philistine terminology won't hold it together.

But to tell one man, whoever and wherever he may be, that he may not consider another as his brother is in effect to tell him NOT to love his neighbor. This is to say that it was good sport to drive spikes through Christ's hands. This is the lesson that all discriminationists must study before they become too articulate. Sigma Phi Epsilon is supposed to be a Christian fraternity, and it is unlikely that it can be helped to progress soundly by those who are ashamed to admit that fact or to understand fully the implications of it.—ED.

Discrimination II

I hope to draft a letter in the near future giving my chapter's opinion on the racial clause question. I feel that we have every right to have such a clause in our Charter and would fight any move to remove it. This question is coming up daily on our campus.—ED JOHNSON, *JOURNAL Correspondent, Colorado Alpha*.

■ According to the Christian teaching on which our Fraternity is based, you have a right to be brother with anyone you choose—who in turn chooses you—and an equal right to eschew brotherhood of those who do not possess a compatibility of heart. Brotherhood must be free or it won't be brotherhood. Christ had but twelve disciples, yet he said, "Love thy neighbor." In the end the Sermon on the Mount is a better guide to brotherhood than the "clause in the Charter." Yet we agree that to remove the clause without substituting sound principles and instruction in its place would do unquestionable harm.—ED.

Editorials

Sig Ep Heart Beats Fast

Installations are the big topic of the moment. In this issue will be found stories of the establishment of chapters at Bradley and Stetson and re-establishment at Washington University, St. Louis. March 19 will witness the entrance of the peripatetic heart into Davis and Elkins, Elkins, W.Va. After that, a new one at Memphis State, Memphis; an old one revived at Pittsburgh; and perchance at last the return to action of the once staunch Minnesota house. Unless plans go askew, stories and pictures reporting the installation of these will appear in the JOURNAL for June.

Meanwhile, the busy spring calendar is witnessing a host of District Conventions, the first of which has already been staged for District II at the Cornell house in Ithaca, N.Y. Former District Governor Bob Kelly, now Junior Grand Marshal, and new District Governor Bob Bromley led the discussions. Thus with installations already achieved, and others still to be completed, and district meetings and alumni reunions crowding the calendar and the Conclave lurking only a few steps behind, the term 1948-49 should rank as most enterprising.

Among the important reunions that will have taken place by the time this issue is out is that of Oregon Beta at Eugene, the 23rd anniversary of the chapter being observed on March 4, 5, and 6.

At the Central Office one of the chief tasks undertaken during the 1948-49 term has been the preparation of a new *Directory* which Assistant to the Grand Secretary Ray McCron estimates will contain 10,000 more names and be perhaps 100 pages longer than the last one (1940). With luck, the new *Directory* will be out by term's end.

The JOURNAL itself has speeded its tempo in an effort to report all phases of heightened Sig Ep activity. The Conclave of 1947 recommended increasing the number of issues per year from four to six, while respondents to a readers' survey conducted

the November following substantiated such a recommendation, which the Executive Committee placed into effect beginning with the August, 1948, number. Perhaps a new readers' survey can be done after the September, 1949, Conclave in Chicago to determine whether the two additional issues are warranted, and also whether policies now observed are those which seem most effective.

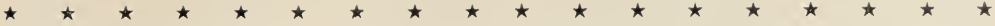
For the June issue of the JOURNAL, it is planned to accommodate as much Conclave material as is forthcoming in order to promote a wide interest in this event. We shall want to run the names and very brief biographies of the delegates, and perhaps their pictures. Besides the stories from the Chicago committees, we should also like to present, as was done in 1947, Grand Secretary Bill Hindman's views on what he hopes the Conclave will accomplish for continuing and accelerated Sig Ep success.

Exemplary Reporting

The JOURNAL's phantom trophy for meritorious undergraduate reporting goes this time to Historian Frank E. Heaston of the Oklahoma house at Norman. Frank, who is also alumni relations chairman of his chapter, and was a midterm graduate, provided a happily balanced grist of material, as accurate and just a bit more orderly than any other received. Moreover, the photos were professional in quality. It is our fervent hope that Frank has trained a successor who can walk briskly in his steps.

Thanks are due also to Robert M. Niebuhr, of the new Bradley chapter, and William B. Towne, of John B. Stetson, for fine installation stories.

The best jobs of reporting seem to be coming these days from the journalism students. The emphasis is on brevity and also on the use of good pictures and captions. The terse objective style learned in the journalism courses is no good for expressing boastful balderdash, which is a blessing.



All is well in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Our chapters, old and new, are in excellent condition. Nearly every day excellent pledges are being initiated whom we expect to become fine actives, and later on, eager and interested alumni.

Since everyone is conscious that our good fortune may not last forever, foundations are being strengthened, organizational lines drawn closer, and funds put aside for contingencies.

We in the Central Office have been busy arranging our schedules so that each chapter will receive at least two, or more, visits per year from a member of the Central Office Staff and, at the same time, see that all the regular work in the office is done on time, in addition to completion of new projects.

As you know, all of us have done a considerable amount of work on increasing the number of chapters in our Fraternity. This has been very difficult to accomplish but now that we are beginning to see the splendid results that have come from our efforts along these lines, we are glad that we have followed so faithfully the recommendations of the last Conclave which made it mandatory for us to exert every possible effort in this direction. We have done our best to bring new chapters into the Fraternity and also, wherever feasible, to re-establish old ones lost. We have not only brought new men and ideas into our organization, but have also been able to re-awaken the spirit and enthusiasm of many alumni who have been relatively inactive.

Our expansion program has provided alumni everywhere the opportunity to participate in the affairs of some active chapter which is not too distant from their homes. It has afforded our alumni organizations a chance to engage in really constructive projects and is beginning to fill their ranks with young alumni who are eager to share the work involved. Our active chapters have

benefited by having more nearby chapters with which to work and socialize and help them keep Sigma Phi Epsilon at the top.

Even though the other national fraternities are doing it, the Grand Chapter does not think it will be necessary to raise fees nor in any way to set up a system of voluntary or compulsory alumni dues or seek alumni contributions. It intends to continue supplying additional services when they are demonstrated to be worthwhile and when the Grand Chapter is sure it has sufficient funds to pay for them.

A few of our alumni have asked me to explain our expansion and alumni plans. Briefly, our expansion program is based on our feeling that it is healthy to expand and that there is a real need for it and other well-established national fraternities to do so. We feel if we have something good we should be eager to share it with others of like thought and that is just what we intend to do so long as there are universities and colleges of Grade A standing that continue to have groups of high-caliber students on their campuses who desire to become a part of our Fraternity.

We feel that the best way to keep most of our alumni interested and enthusiastic is to keep the active chapters in good shape and thus make them proud and anxious to return to their campuses and visit their chapters and see the steady progress. To participate in the activities of nearby alumni chapters or associations is the type of program that seems most appealing to the greatest number of our alumni.

The "Hub of the Continent Conclave" is to be held this summer in Chicago, at the LaSalle Hotel from September 6 to 8. We know that all who attend will have a thoroughly enjoyable time and have an opportunity to participate in the discussion and formation of new ideas and plans which will carry Sigma Phi Epsilon to even greater heights.

—WILLIAM W. HINDMAN, JR.





Administration Building, University of Maine, seat of a new Sig Ep chapter.

Pros and Cons of Expansion

A SYMPOSIUM

**Fresh views on the vital question
of the Fraternity's extension; our
present policy in the light of the
past; a glance at accomplishment.**

EXPANSION is an age-old question. A glimpse at the history and development of fraternities reveals that the considerations are pretty much the same today as they were yesterday.

A number of years ago Former Field Secretary Clarence H. Freeark, Illinois Alpha, '22, director of Fraternity Management, stated that the principal criteria for bringing a chapter to a new campus all revolved around this point: "Conditions must be favorable for the founding, growth, and development of a chapter. The merits of the local group may not be considered alone;

also important is the college, its leadership, its policies, and a history of its enrollment to see whether it is going ahead or slipping behind."

He pointed out that while a big city campus, such as Columbia University, had its distractions frequently unfavorable to fraternity life, the "streetcar college" was also unfavorable. He believed that the fraternity chapter must run a house, since "without a house the members never know what a real fraternal group is and lose much of the benefit of association and the training and experience of operating a property." He went on to say that a house was essential as "a rallying point to which all can return. It is something to work for and after attaining it, it is something to fight for and keep."

Grand Secretary Emeritus William L. Phillips, writing in the JOURNAL of September, 1934, declared: "In my mind the number of chapters a fraternity has is of no moment as long as they are in institutions of the proper grade. For good fellowship and fraternalism I much prefer placing additional chapters in the small institutions."

In the same issue, Paul G. Koontz, Missouri Alpha, '18, then Grand President, warned that the economics of certain periods of our time were such that "institutions experienced difficulty in supporting

the fraternities they possessed and exceptional strength was necessary to weather the storm."

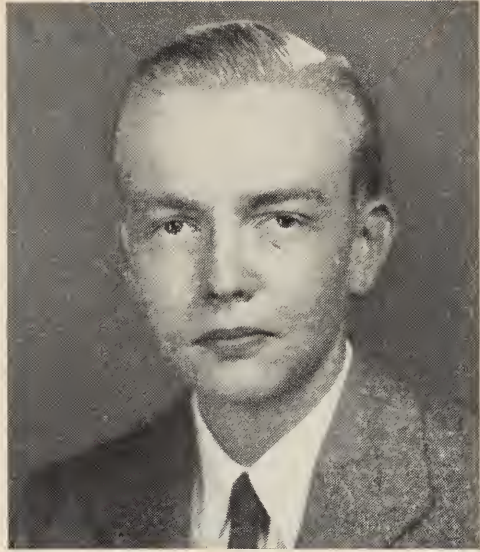
In 1949, the basic conditions remain the same, except that college enrollment the country over is far beyond what it was after World War I and considerably beyond what it was immediately preceding World War II. Moreover, the entire fraternity movement has begun to gain a respectable name with the public as well as with the college administration that it did not possess before World War II.

There is an actual shortage of fraternities on many campuses that will not be filled for some time. There is also a more widespread recognition of the need of educating young men in social co-operation that chapter house life can perform but the curricula cannot. And thus the national fraternities are more prone today to err on the side of conservatism.

The present article, in the form of a symposium, deals with the fresh viewpoints of 1949.

★ **BY W. E. VAN HORNE** ★
PAST PRESIDENT, INDIANA ALPHA

I should like to defend the expansion program, which was so ably, though I think mistakenly, criticized by Brother Christie of the Lehigh chapter in the February, 1948, JOURNAL. In the two years that I have been back at school since the war, I have participated in four installations and have been involved in negotiations working towards a possible two others. Last spring I was fortunate enough to be able to meet the men of the local which became Kentucky Beta at the University of Louisville. In absorbing this chapter, we got the oldest Greek-letter group on the campus, an organization which has been operating for over twenty-five years, which started not only the student newspaper, but even, in 1923, started the University of Louisville's football team! Down through the years they have remained the leaders in campus activities, and at present boast a majority of the athletic letter men of the University and leaders in other activities, as well as the highest scholastic average on the cam-



Expansionist Van Horne, Indiana Alpha.

pus! Does absorption of this chapter show a lack of discrimination?

Likewise, a year ago, Indiana Alpha helped in the reactivation of Indiana Beta, at the University of Indiana. Here was a group which had been organized several months previously for the expressed purpose of asking for a Sig Ep charter. By the time of their installation, they were a strong, twenty-five man local and were already making their weight felt on a highly competitive campus. Since their installation, they have built an eighty-man organization, obtained a thirty-thousand-dollar house, and in one year have paid off one-third of that debt! Anyone who would criticize this chapter would do well to re-examine his own chapter's financial record to ascertain whether it could compare with an achievement like this.

Similar remarks can be made concerning the new chapters of this spring. At Monmouth College we have reactivated a TUO chapter that dates back to 1852. Among its alumni are many of the most influential men on the campus, including the president of the college. In the chapter are a surprising percentage of the undergraduate leaders of the campus, including two of the four class presidents! At Illinois Institute of Technology, we have a group which was or-

ganized by two transfer Sig Eps. At this school, our fraternity has moved in at the most opportune possible time. The Institute is undertaking a fifteen-million dollar expansion program, which includes the building of fraternity houses, and, although eleven fraternities are on the campus at present, both the president and the dean of men were anxious to have Sig Ep there, and have given the chapter enthusiastic support.

Now, let me point to two instances in which charters were not granted. In the spring of 1947, a strong, well-established local at Bradley University in Illinois opened negotiations for a Sig Ep charter. It was given no further consideration when it was found that its members were not interested in Sig Ep alone, but were "charter shopping," and looking for the national which would give them the "best deal."

At Miami University in Ohio, that fine old school which is the birthplace of four of the nation's outstanding fraternities, a local has been operating for months, looking forward to the time when it can apply for a charter. The enthusiastic faculty adviser is the head of the English department, a Sig Ep from Dartmouth, and one of the most highly respected and influential men on the campus. In spite of the fact that the local has had nothing but encouragement and support from the president, the dean of men, and the interfraternity council, it was decided to hold up installation until fall because the president and organizer was stricken with pneumonia and forced to withdraw from school. It is expected that, upon his return to school, the charter will be granted. I sometimes think that perhaps too much care has been exercised.

Another point on which Brother Christie attacked the expansion program was that it took so much of the field secretaries' time that they had little left to make their routine chapter visits, and, at that, when such visits were made, they were of little value. During this last year, Indiana Alpha was visited once each by Field Secretaries Jean Fisher and Ted Bush, and several times by our able district governor, J. Russell Pratt. As to the value of these visits, I, too, am quite proud of my chapter, and feel that its

functioning, past and present, has been good; yet I have never found that our internal affairs were so well organized that we could not benefit from the suggestions made by these Grand Chapter representatives.

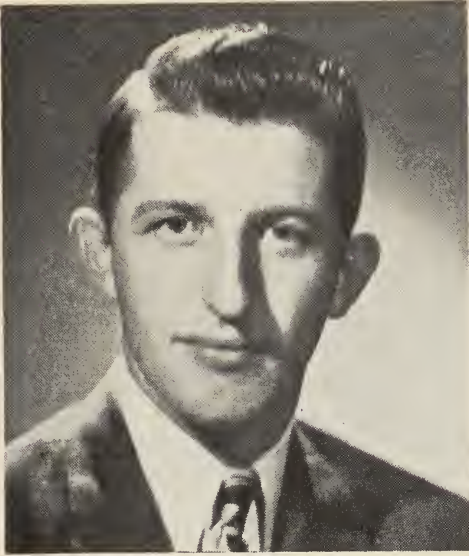
Finally, let us remember the story passed on to us by our Founders. Remember that had a national fraternity, Chi Phi, not been so snobbish as to refuse to establish a chapter at Richmond College, Sigma Phi Epsilon would never have been founded. Today, in 1949, compare the reputation of Chi Phi with that of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This fraternity has become great because of the vigor and liberality of its policies. It will remain great only by continuing in the same way. Grand Secretary Hindman's expressed opinion is that we should establish a chapter of Sig Ep wherever a need for one arises. In this opinion, I, as well as my brothers of Indiana Alpha, heartily concur.

★ BY THOMAS W. NELSON ★

CALIFORNIA DELTA, '48

Perhaps some of those who shout so loud against expansion should know more of the facts of the case.

As one brother expressed it, "—it is most important to establish chapters at schools that have distinct reputations, rather than a helter-skelter array of teachers' colleges, down-grade private schools, and insignificant state colleges." I feel that the chapters in the affected district are better able to judge the qualifications of the petitioning school. In particular, as a charter member of a new chapter from one of these "insignificant state colleges," I take offense. I believe that chapters should be selected as are members, and it is my understanding that we want men to grow great through the Fraternity rather than pledge only the "great men." Although some of these new chapters are in schools that are new and consequently not so steeped in tradition or national recognizance, we are interested in men, not in school traditions. So long as the men petitioning are of the caliber worthy of membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon, is it really important what school they attend? We do not call the school "Brother."



Expansionist Nelson, California Delta.

In the final analysis, is one man qualified to say that one school is better than another? When I read reports like this, I can easily understand how fraternities have gained the name of "snobs." I believe a man should be proud of his school, but as Sig Eps, let's not become selfish. Let's judge men by what they are, not who they are.

★ **BY TED BUSH** ★

OREGON BETA, FORMER FIELD SECRETARY

The current discussion of the expansion program of Sigma Phi Epsilon touches the very ideals on which our fraternity was founded. Many letters and articles have been written, but few of them have covered the entire subject. Most have dealt with one phase or another of it, some deeply and others superficially. I would like to set forth my thoughts on the matter and give my conclusions which I have reached after twenty-four months as a field representative. During this time I have seen our fraternity in operation in all parts of the country. I have seen it in schools of five hundred, five thousand and twenty-five thousand. These ideas are mine and were not dictated by the Central Office, the Executive Committee, or any Fraternity officials.

In considering our expansion program let

us start with the very beginning of our Fraternity. The Saturday Night Club was formed by a group of friends at Richmond College to "recruit the best men in the college that they might be more closely bound together."

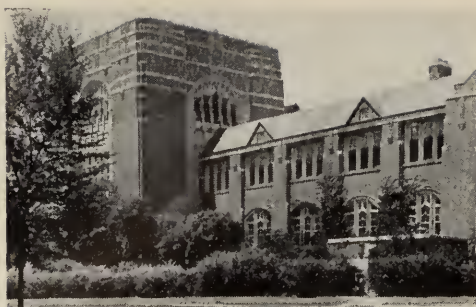
One year later the state of Virginia granted a charter to the infant Sigma Phi Epsilon whose purpose was and is "to intensify and perpetuate friendship and promote happiness among its members, to encourage literature and education and to create such sentiments, mould such opinions, and perform such deeds as shall conduce to the building up of a noble and pure manhood."

Thus, the charter under which our fraternity operates commits us to be a part of the educational system of our country, not merely an adjunct to it. "We are to create such sentiments, mould such opinions and perform such deeds as shall conduce to the building up of a noble and pure manhood."

Our founding fathers said nothing in this charter of the type or size of the institution in which we were to pursue our program. Our earliest chapters were placed in small schools. Restrictions as to the type of school are now in force by virtue of our membership in the National Interfraternity Conference. We cannot expand into any school which is not fully accredited by its regional accrediting association. We are also limited by the function of the school; junior colleges, normal schools, and trade schools are out of bounds.

When we eliminate all these schools we still find a great number left. Most objections to any one school are raised on the basis that they are not of the proper size and quality. Are these rather intangible factors ones which will deter Sigma Phi Epsilon from building a better manhood? If they are, Uncle Billy Phillips, Carter Jenkins, Tom McCaul, and nine other men failed to recognize them as such when they founded Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1901.

All of our chapters have a program of social events. The range of this program, how elaborate it may be, and how frequent the functions are vary with each campus. Each of these social affairs is a part of the



The Union Building, Purdue University.

program of building better manhood. When we have a formal dance we are teaching the freshman and the senior how to act at a formal function. It affords an opportunity to practice good manners, good dress, and good grooming. The affair does not have to be formal to teach us these things because each situation we will be faced with in future life will call for different behavior.

The effectiveness of either the program of teaching co-operation or that of teaching proper behavior is not limited by the size of the institution. We can offer such a program in a school of 500 or 5,000 or more.

We also hear that the institution is not of the proper quality. Quality and size are frequently confused. The number of the students in any college or university is not a determining factor in the quality of the institution. Many times we find that the entrance standards of the small institutions are much higher than those of the large. We also find that the faculties of many small institutions are far better equipped to teach the undergraduates than those in the large university. The outstanding men in the large schools are often committed entirely to graduate instruction or research and have little contact with the undergraduate.

Perhaps we laymen should rely on the decision of the accrediting institutions, composed of educators, in determining its quality.

It would, of course, be folly to follow a program of indiscriminate expansion into small colleges. By such a program we could harm the fraternity system and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Many small colleges, as well as large, have all the fraternities which their

student body can support. It is foolish for Sigma Phi Epsilon to attempt to colonize in these institutions. The addition of one fraternity will injure all and the newest organization will, in all probability, play tailend Charley for some time. It quite possibly may not survive at all.

Such a program is also bad in that it produces alumni who we might term disappointed. They receive little from their fraternity and as a result do not see its value. They may become bitter and actually become anti-fraternity. Generally a weak chapter produces weak alumni.

It would seem unwise then to undertake a program of colonization in any school where there are no more than 300 or 400 men who are not affiliated with any fraternity. It would seem just as foolish to pass up an opportunity to absorb a well-established local group where we can place a chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon on a campus where we are not represented and still not disturb the balance of fraternity men and nonfraternity men.

What, then, should our course be? Let's look at each campus separately and not try to set any hard-and-fast rules. Any college where there are less than one-third of the men in fraternities is worth a second look. Many other factors must be considered—are the men mostly resident, or day students, how large are the competing fraternities, does the college or university have a well-established expansion program or is the student body nearly static as to size, where does most of the student body come from, will the alumni ever be concentrated in any one area? All of these and many more factors should be taken into consideration before we undertake the establishment of a chapter.

We should also take into consideration hard cold facts, or dollars.

Sigma Phi Epsilon through its plan of national finance finds itself in a position which few national fraternities enjoy. We are not dependent upon alumni to support the operation of the national office and because of this situation we do not have to fear the consequences of a too rapid expansion wherein we do not produce alumni

fast enough to defray the costs of expansion.

The Sig Ep system whereby all money to operate comes from the undergraduates makes it impossible for us to overexpand from an economic standpoint. To expand the operation of the national and add additional subchapter services costs money. To have the money available for these functions means that we must either have more men per chapter, or more chapters.

Most people are agreed that the size of fraternities at the present time is too great. With this in mind we have the only other alternative—more chapters.

The addition to our roster of chapters since June 1, 1946, and any future additions have not and will not raise the travel expenditures in proportion to the income produced by these chapters.

It is just about as easy for a Central office visitor to cover four chapters in California as it was for him to go to two. The addition of more chapters in the sparsely populated areas on the Sig Ep map do not add to the financial burden of the national fraternity. They actually make the cost per visitation less!

If we review the past eighteen years we find that in 1931 we had 65 chapters and maintained a Central Office staff of four—two secretaries, an auditor, and one young woman to keep the addressograph files in order and act as shipping clerk.

In 1948 we have exactly the same staff in the Central Office but slight revision of their duties has now raised the secretarial staff to three and the Assistant Grand Secretary now does the auditing as well as an amount of visiting in the field.

For the first time since the early days of the Fraternity every one of our chapters received at least two visits from the C. O. in 1947-48. A staff which was smaller for one-third of the school year than it had been at any time, except for the war, in the past seventeen years, made a total of more than 170 visitations!

Let's keep building our fraternity in numbers so that we can continue to build in quality. It is only through such a program that we can further our Founders' aim of building better men.

★ PITTSBURGH CLUB ★

On February 1, 1949, at the Sheraton Hotel the Sigma Phi Epsilon Club of the University of Pittsburgh held a dinner for alumni residing in the Pittsburgh district. Frank Ruck, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, and Dick Pharr, District XXI Governor, were guest speakers.

The following attended: Jack Adams, Massachusetts Beta, transfer to Pittsburgh; Phil Zoeller, Pennsylvania Eta, transfer to Pittsburgh; Harry Hinchman, Bob Peary, Buzz Buzzard, Kirk Lellemoen, Pat Di Perna, Cliff Durocher, Bob Starz, Bob Robosson, and Tom Dressel, all pledges at Pittsburgh.

Others who attended: Robert Dunning, Chick Agnew, Bert Agnew, Charles Judge, Dick Pharr, C. S. Rossel, R. J. Herrscher, R. R. Baker, W. A. Erickson, George Collins, Frank Ruck, T. S. Watts, A. H. McFadden, H. S. Genius, R. T. McKeag, S. H. Gealy, E. M. Walker, R. L. Hadley, D. D. McCoy, J. C. Adams.

Actives from other chapters: Dick Wakefield, Pennsylvania Lambda; Bill Rebeck, New York Delta; Bill Fields, Joe Bysarovich, and George C. Kyle, Jr., West Virginia Beta.

On February 20 the Pennsylvania Lambda chapter helped us initiate the following: Bob Peary, Bob Robosson, Kirk Lellemoen, Pat Di Perna, Tom Dressel, and Cliff Durocher.

On February 21 the following were elected to office: Phil Zoeller, president; Bob Peary, vice-president; Jack Adams, comptroller; Kirk Lellemoen, historian; Cliff Durocher, secretary.

—P. B. ZOELLER, JR.



"A young, large, robust group is chartered at John B. Stetson University, February 12."



Westlake Hall, the horology building, and Bradley Hall, Bradley's largest classroom building.

Expansion Train Stops at Bradley

By **ROBERT M. NIEBUHR**

Campus at Peoria, Illinois, is seat of fourth Sig Ep chapter in state as men of local Gamma Nu are initiated on January 9th.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY has become the seat of Sigma Phi Epsilon's 88th chapter, Illinois Delta. The initiation and installation of the local Gamma Nu Fraternity occurred on the weekend of January 7, 8, and 9, 1949. This is Sig Ep's third chapter to be installed in Illinois within the last eight months.

An unexpected but honored guest at the ceremonies was Grand President Larkin Bailey. Other honored guests included: Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr.; Field Secretary Frank J. Ruck, Jr.; Governor of District X J. Russell Pratt; Governor of District XIII William Rogers. The teams which initiated the 41 members of Gamma Nu included teams from Illinois Alpha, Illinois Beta, Illinois Gamma, Indiana Alpha, Iowa Beta, and Iowa Gamma.

On Friday evening, January 7, an informal stag get-together party was held at

Shorewood Inn for the initiating teams which had arrived in the afternoon.

The initiating ceremonies took place at the First Congregational Church on Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The initiating teams included members from Illinois Alpha, Illinois Beta, Illinois Gamma, Indiana Alpha, Iowa Beta, and Iowa Gamma. The men initiated also had the honor and privilege of having Larkin Bailey participate in the initiation. After the initiation the Mothers and Wives Club served sandwiches, coffee, and doughnuts at the church.

The 41 men initiated were:

Hubert Pribyl, Russell Waechter, Alfred Loek, Daniel Juckniess, Robert Niebuhr, Paul Lung, Robert Hess, Wesley Voss, Richard Whitlow, Delmar McNaghten, Walter Hoskinson, Harry Simmons, Everett Pettis, Kenneth Michalski, Vincent Sanz, Jessie Griffin, Eugene Gire, Robert Hilke, Larry Spidle, George Scoutaris.

Giles Stahl, Ronald Anderson, Henry Butryn, Bernard Peterson, Maurice Pescitelli, Reginald Schwery, James Powers, Donald St. Lawrence, Bernard Schnur, Eugene Willis, William Donaldson, James Harrel, Blake Carter, Ross Allen, James Woodley, Victor Paparigian, Robert McIntyre, Robert Kemper, Ray Griggs, Richard Gebhardt, Clarence Spiller (alumnus).

Robert M. Smith, a charter member, was not initiated until January 18, because of illness.

At 8:00 P.M., Saturday evening, an informal party was held in the Seven Seas Room of the Sazarac. Dates for the initiating teams were arranged by Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Kappa, Chi Omega, and Pi Beta Phi sororities.

The installation banquet was held at 12:30 P.M., Sunday, in the La Salle Room

of the Pere Marquette Hotel. The tables were decorated with the fraternity flowers, American Beauty Roses and Violets. Sigma Phi Epsilon officials who addressed the group at the banquet were Brothers Bailey, Hindman, Ruck, and Governor of District X J. Russell Pratt and Governor of District XIII William Rogers. Guest speakers from the University were Robert Jameison, assistant to President Owen; Dr. Manly MacDonald, faculty chairman of the Interfraternity Council; Dr. Wilson E. Wilmarth, faculty counsellor and adviser to the local chapter; Leonard Miner, faculty counsellor and adviser of the former Pi Theta Beta Fraternity; and Rev. Donald O. Legg, former faculty chairman of the Interfraternity Council and sponsor of the local group during its inception. Also present were the presidents of the other fraternities on campus. The banquet was attended by 127 Sig Eps and guests.

Frank J. Ruck, Jr. explained his situation last May when he was advised by J. Russell Pratt, Governor of District X, to urge a consolidation between the two local fraternities, Gamma Nu and Pi Theta Beta, at Bradley which both petitioned Sigma Phi Epsilon. He said that he was in doubt about this decision, but after he explained the situation to both fraternities and the consolidation became effective, he was amazed that the consolidation created no friction within the group.



Random shot of the party at the Sazarac, showing members of the initiating teams from Illinois Alpha, Illinois Beta, Illinois Gamma, Indiana Alpha, Iowa Beta, and Iowa Gamma.

Grand President Larkin Bailey expressed his pleasure of being at the installation events and complimented the chapter on its growth.

The concluding speaker was Brother Hindman, who impressed upon the minds of the new members that they were part of a large, powerful, close-knit organization, and that one is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon not for just the years he spends in college but for the rest of his entire life. After he complimented the chapter on the work they had done and urged them to do even greater work, he presented the coveted charter to the toastmaster, Hubert Pribyl, president of the local chapter.

A meeting was held at the chapter house immediately following the installation banquet. Brothers Ruck, Hindman, and Rogers

Main entrance to Bradley Hall, Bradley's largest building, which houses the library, chapel, chemistry and physics department.





Speakers' table at Bradley installation banquet. Left to right: J. Russell Pratt, governor of District X; Dr. Manly MacDonald, faculty adviser of the Interfraternity Council; Robert Jameison, assistant to President Owen; Grand President Larkin Bailey; Hubert Pribyl, toastmaster and president of Gamma Nu; Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr.; Frank Ruck, assistant to Grand Secretary; Dr. Wilson E. Wilmarth, faculty adviser of Gamma Nu; William Rogers, governor of District XIII.

offered many helpful suggestions pertaining to the function of the chapter and reviewed the duties of the officers. The members of Illinois Delta were not only grateful, but surprised for the one hundred dollar bill that Brother Bailey presented them for the purpose of starting an emergency fund, and for the twenty-five dollar check that Brother Hindman gave them. During the same time this meeting was in progress, Sig Ep alumni of the Peoria area met at the Pere Marquette Hotel to form an alumni association.

Terminating the three-day program, a banquet honoring the Mothers and Wives Club of the local chapter was held at the Jewel Crown Room. Guest speakers included Mrs. Simmons, president of the Mothers and Wives Club; and Brothers Hindman, Rogers, and Ruck.

Growth of Gamma Nu

As the result of the large enrollment at Bradley University following the last World War, two fraternities were founded in the fall of 1947. They were Gamma Nu and Pi Theta Beta. Both were active on the campus in scholastic standing and in athletics.

Gamma Nu was the younger of the two being formed by Reverend Donald Legg, the university chaplain, in early December. Dr. Wilson Wilmarth served as adviser from the beginning of Gamma Nu until it was initiated and installed into Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The organization of Pi Theta Beta was stimulated by a Sig Ep, Wesley Johnson, Colorado Delta, who served as an adviser for the first few weeks, and correspondence to Sigma Phi Epsilon was started immediately. Later, Mr. Leonard Miner and Mr. Carl Ashworth were elected as faculty advisers. A Christmas party and several other small social events were held, but one of the greatest assets that the fraternity derived was the Mothers and Wives Club which was formed from another Christmas party for the members and their mothers and wives. This club had rummage sales and a bakery sale which increased the treasury considerably. In April, 1948, Pi Theta Beta had its first large scale open dance.

After thorough investigations of the two fraternities by Field Secretary Frank Ruck and Governor of District X Russell Pratt, a decision to merge the two groups was formulated. In the latter part of May, Frank



National Installation Officials at Bradley. Left to right: J. Russell Pratt, governor of District X; Grand President Larkin Bailey; W. E. Rogers, governor of District XIII; Frank Ruck, Assistant to Grand Secretary; Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., at the informal party held in the Seven Seas Room of the Sazarac.

Ruck informed the two groups of this plan, and by the first part of June, the consolidation became effective.

When the fraternity began to function in full swing again last fall, the garage was converted into a study room in order to allow absolute silence. Gamma Nu was also awarded first place in the fraternity division for their 47-foot rocket float which had, "Bradley Rockets to Victory," for its theme.

The University

Bradley University was founded in 1897 by Mrs. Lydia Bradley for the purpose of giving full preparation for life to the children of others. This fulfilled the plans begun by her late husband, Tobias Bradley, and the original large fortune which she donated is said to be one of the largest single gifts that any educational institution had received at that time. Dr. William Rainey Harper, first president of the University of Chicago, and John Dewey, famed philosopher and educational pioneer, were the two men who gave her aid in organizing the school. After Mrs. Bradley and her advisers had visited many colleges and technical schools, they devised the Bradley plan which represented the best thinking of a group of the most distinguished educators of the day. It provided for the establishment of an institution which would pioneer in the harmonious combination of preparation "both for life and for earning a living."

When classes at Bradley began on October 4, 1897, the institution was a four-year academy offering an additional two years of college work. There was also a horological school which offered training in watchwork, jewelry, engraving, and optics.

After watching the first decade in the life of the institution, Mrs. Bradley died January 16, 1908, at the age of ninety-one, leaving her entire estate as endowment for Bradley.

Expansion has steadily continued at Bradley in its curricula and enrollment. In 1920 the four-year college program was begun, leading to the A.B. degrees, and the academy was discontinued. In 1945 Bradley was accredited as an institution granting the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Science. Reorganization of Bradley Poly-



Gamma Nu's 47-foot homecoming float, awarded first place in fraternity division in 1948 contest.

technic Institute as Bradley University occurred in the summer of 1946.

Bradley University now has four other national fraternities, four local fraternities, and four national sororities. The fraternities include Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Xi, Alpha Pi, Rho Delta, Sigma Phi, and Sigma Beta. The sororities include Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Kappa, Gamma Phi Beta, and Chi Omega.

The Fiji Voice

WE honestly believe that Phi Gamma Delta was the first Greek-letter society to employ a full-time Field Secretary, a traveling officer who devoted his principal efforts during the collegiate year to making the rounds of the undergraduate chapters. This plan of action was inaugurated in 1913. Can any Greek who resides outside Athens contradict this claim?

We also believe that when former Field Secretary Cal Chambers (Wisconsin '12) and George D. Bailey (Wisconsin '12), now President of the Board of Trustees of the fraternity, devised a uniform system of accounting for our chapters in 1914 they were blazing the Hellenic trail in this respect.

We also believe that our vocational placement plan, first operated in 1923, under the chairmanship of Louis E. Leverone (Dartmouth '04), later President of Phi Gamma Delta, pioneered that idea among the Greeks. We may, however, be Gallup in this respect.

Finally, we believe that our Oklahoma Chapter was first—circa 1923—to employ a tutor in any chapter-house. Who can say us nay?

Two minutes for rebuttal, ye men of the Greek-letter press. —CECIL J. WILKINSON in the *Phi Gamma Delta*.

Put down that bloody pig-sticker.



An historic picture. Founder Carter Jenkins stands behind Missouri Beta's charter, as Grand President Larkin Bailey presents it to chapter president Karl Kaufmann, while Grand Secretary Hindman, seated, watches.

A New Beginning At Washington U.

Our Missouri Beta Chapter in the city of St. Louis, established in 1929 and closed down in 1941, gets charter back in January 15th rites.

THE gap that yawned between Sig Ep's Alpha and Gamma in Missouri has at last been filled with the Beta that was born to be there. This is the Washington University chapter at St. Louis, originally installed April 6, 1929, and operated successfully until the approach of World War II, when the charter was withdrawn June 16, 1941. Neighbors within the state are Alpha at

the University of Missouri and Gamma at Missouri School of Mines in Rolla.

A banquet January 15 signalized Missouri Beta's revival. The event featured an address by Founder Carter Ashton Jenkins, who gave our national brotherhood its name at Richmond College in 1901. But it also featured the presence of Grand President Larkin Bailey, Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., and District XIII Governor W. E. Rogers.

Held in the Stockholm Room of the Park Plaza Hotel, the evening progressed as follows:

After a brief welcome by Toastmaster Karl Kaufmann, president of the group, and an invocation by the Rev. Dr. B. L. Schubel, the dinner was started. After a course of broiled chicken, Harrison S. McCrary, president of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter, described how Missouri Beta came into existence.

He was followed by Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., who related valuable information on national history. Karl Kaufmann, president of Missouri Beta, gave a talk on the local history. Other speakers were Dean of Men Arno J. Haack, Assistant Dean Don Fisher (faculty adviser), Interfraternity Council; John W. Hammann, faculty adviser, Missouri Beta Chapter; William E. Rogers, Governor, District XIII, and Frank J. Ruck, Assistant to the Grand Secretary.

The final speech was given by Brother Jenkins who presented one of the clearest pictures of what Sig Ep stands for that any Sig Ep has ever heard. The presentation of the charter followed, with Missouri Beta men applauding wildly. Then the benediction was given by the Reverend Schubel.

A Glance Backward

Psi Delta was organized in 1919 by nine engineering students in Washington University.

Psi Delta opened negotiations with Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1920 and was visited by representatives of the Grand Chapter but was advised that with its majority of members from St. Louis its petition could not be filed. Eventually permission was granted to



Actives of newly reinstated Missouri Beta at installation banquet.

file again, and this was endorsed at the Seattle Conclave in 1928.

The history of Washington University dates back to 1853 when the Missouri legislature granted a charter to an educational institution to be located in St. Louis to bear the name of Eliot Seminary in honor of a prominent St. Louis citizen. The charter was to be perpetual and no limitations were imposed except those which forbade any sectarian or partisan instruction. In 1854 the name was changed to Washington University.

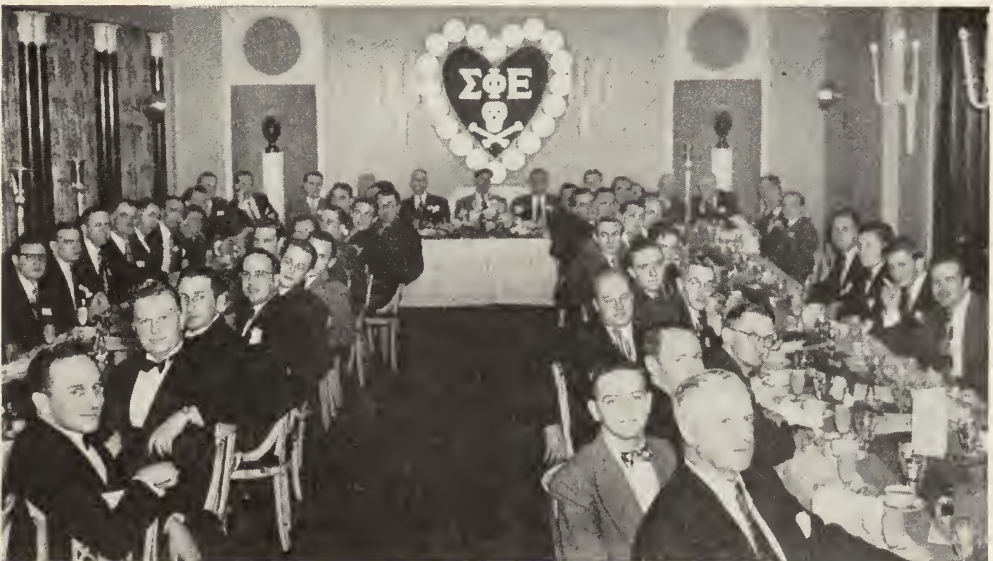
The school of law was organized subsequently in 1867; the polytechnic school, now known as the schools of engineering and architecture, was organized in 1870; the school of fine arts in 1879; and the school of botany in 1885. The St. Louis Medical College was admitted as a department of the University in 1891, the Missouri Dental College in 1892. In 1899 the Missouri Medical College was united with

the St. Louis Medical College to form the Washington University of Medicine. The school of commerce was organized on March 30, 1917, and was formally opened in September, 1917.

In 1894, a tract of land, of which the university now owns about 155 acres, was purchased just outside the city limits adjacent to the northwest corner of Forest Park. This is the present campus.

Missouri Beta meets again on the Washington campus approximately a score of national fraternities. Some of the long-standing groups with the dates of their installations at Washington are: Phi Delta Theta, 1891; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1892; Beta Theta Pi, 1901; Sigma Chi, 1902; Kappa Sigma, 1902; Sigma Nu, 1903; Theta Xi, 1905; Kappa Alpha (South), 1905; Alpha Tau Omega, 1918; Sigma Alpha Mu, 1919; Pi Kappa Alpha; Tau Kappa Epsilon, 1920; Phi Beta Delta, 1922; Zeta Beta Tau, 1923; Alpha Epsilon Pi, 1929.

Reinstallation banquet, Missouri Beta, Washington University, St. Louis, January 15.





Amid tall palms and shrubbery stands Elizabeth Hall, administration building of Stetson University. It is patterned after Independence Hall in Philadelphia, city of Stetson hats.

South to Stetson We Go for No. 90

By WILLIAM B. TOWNE

A young, large and robust group is chartered as Florida Beta in John B. Stetson University, at DeLand, on Lincoln's birthday.

JOHAN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY, DeLand, Fla., was host to the installation of the 90th chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon during the weekend of February 12, 1949. The date itself marked the highlight of several years of struggle and effort on the part of a small group of persistent young men who were organized into a local fraternity called Chi Mu.

Ceremonies lasting from dawn to dawn included impressive initiations, fluent speeches, gay parties, installation and ban-

quet. Formal dances further enlivened the gay weekend.

The initiation began in the chapter house at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, and installing teams made up of members-at-large and of Florida Alpha Chapter spent all day initiating 13 men before time for the banquet.

The colorful banquet began that night at six o'clock at the rustic Kentucky-Florida Club four miles north of DeLand. Over 90 members and guests were present to see the installation of the new chapter and its officers.

The presence of two Founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Rev. Dr. Thomas Vaden McCaul, and Brother William Lazell Phillips, together with three grand officers; Grand President Larkin Bailey; Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr.; and assistant to the Grand Secretary Raymond C. McCron, made this installation one of the most unusual since before the war.

Other notables from all over the state of Florida and other states near by were present, including the president of Florida Alpha, John Maurice, and the president of Alabama Alpha, Zeb Robinson.

At the time of the formal installation of the Florida Beta chapter there were already

21 men who were Sig Eps who were members of Chi Mu. One of these, Charles H. Pafford, Jr., was an alumnus of Florida Alpha at the University of Florida and the others were members at large:

Roswell A. Hicks, Clearwater; Bruce H. Perkins, Danbury, Conn.; George S. Morrison, III, Daytona Beach; Bonnell P. Coachman, Coachman Station; Kyle L. McCroan, Palmetto; Paul T. MacAlester, Pasadena, Calif.; Odas H. McCroan, Palmetto; James E. Lee, Flagler Beach; Roger L. Meriwether, Jr., Asheville, N.C.; Robert M. Yoder, New Kensington, Pa.; Earl J. Couey, Jacksonville; William F. Cox, St. Petersburg; Keller M. Davis, Jacksonville; Richard C. Dungan, Palmetto; William A. King, Jacksonville; Robert H. Matthews, DeLand; Stanley C. Perkinson, St. Petersburg; Jack W. Winfree, Daytona Beach; Merle C. Harton, Daytona Beach; and Paul L. Curtis, Neptune Beach.

Thirteen men were initiated into the active ranks:

William A. Kerr, Tampa; William B. Towne, Kingston, N.H.; Robert P. Adams, Daytona Beach; Allan R. Croft, DeLand; Robert V. Curl, DeLand; Frank Fernandez, Orlando;



The charter is presented by Grand President Larkin Bailey, right, to Charles Pafford, Jr., president of Florida Beta. Seated in middle is William A. Kerr, master of ceremonies, and "funny man" of the evening. Bailey, who has missed few of the recent installations, is achieving alltime G.P. attendance record.

The group at Stetson . . . first row, left to right: K. McCroan, Couey, Fernandez, Cox, Hicks, vice-president, Parkins, comptroller, Lee, chaplain, Pafford, president, Morrison, historian, Coachman, secretary, O. McCroan, Sharpless, Kerr, Prof. Vickers, faculty adviser, and Croft. Second row: Towne, pledge trainer, and director of publicity, Murray, MacAlester, Yoder, corresponding secretary, Curl, Adams, Winfree, Perkinson, Matthews, Dungan, Davis, W. King, J. Lane, and Horton. Back row: pledges Bonneman, Boyd, H. Scott, Fromberger, Hughes, Finch, pledge president, Edmondson, Jenks, J. Michael, J. Willis, and R. Willis. Actives not pictured: Curtis, Harton, Hill, Meriwether, and Willard. Note chapter house in background.





Head table at formal installation banquet of Florida Beta at the Kentucky-Florida Club. From left: Rev. Thomas V. McCaul, Gainesville, one of the original founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon; William L. Phillips, Richmond, Va., also an original founder; William W. Hindman, Jr., Richmond, Grand Secretary; Charles H. Pafford, Jr., Daytona Beach, president of Florida Beta; William A. Kerr, Tampa, master of ceremonies; Larken Bailey, Tulsa, Okla., National Grand President; President J. Ollie Edmunds, Stetson University; Dan McCarty, Ft. Pierce, Florida Alpha, widely known Florida political leader; Frederick H. Owen, Jr., Manchester, Maine, president, Stetson Student Government Association. Ray McCron present but not in picture.

Thomas R. Horton, DeLand; James T. Lane, Jr., DeLand; Dave C. Murray, Orlando; Albert P. Sharpless, Baltimore, Md.; Robert B. Willard, DeLand; J. Ray Hill, Daytona Beach; and Lawrence O. Vickers, DeLand.

The day following the installation, Sunday, February 13, was spent by the group in open house to all friends, including university administrators, parents, representatives of other fraternities and sororities, and other guests. Over 100 guests registered in the fraternity guestbook.

The house itself had just finished having a face-lifting and under the talented hand of one Sig Ep in the new chapter, Keller Middleton Davis, the house was re-created into a classic foil of oriental-modern dream creations. New furniture of the same oriental-modern type was added which presented a charming contrast to the forest green walls and quaker gray ceilings all combining to ensure the epitome of modern comfort.

Guests at the open house were served party cookies and punch.

History of Chi Mu

In the spring quarter of 1946, Avery B. Dille, Mississippi Beta, '39, came to Stetson University to consider the possibility of forming a Sig Ep chapter.

The first step made in this direction was to confer with school officials. The only official who could decide this matter was the president of the University. The president neither encouraged or discouraged the idea at first.

On the assumption that the president did not object to the formation of another fraternity, Dille organized a local club of about 15 men who made their home at what is now known as the Towne House.

Although the organization was formed in good faith it was not approved by the university president as had previously been taken for granted. The group of men were ordered to disband but were permitted to remain in the Towne House.

With this first failure the men became subject to much chatter around the campus. In spite of this they still had faith that the club would be able to re-organize sometime in the near future. At the beginning of the fall quarter of school, 1947, not all the men returned who had been at the Towne House before. Those few men who did come back attempted to re-organize the club for the purpose of upholding school regulations in the Towne House.

With the coming of the winter quarter, 1947, this group had gained some recognition of other university factions. With this

recognition came the favor of the dean of men who permitted the group to form a club called the Towne House Association for the purposes of participating in intramural sports activities.

During the latter part of the winter quarter, 1947, the Towne House Association requested of the dean of men to form a local fraternal group with a Greek-letter name. This was granted tentatively with the condition of the approval of the administration. In token of his interest in the organization the dean of men was asked to be the first faculty adviser.

After receiving this much assurance a petition was presented to the administration requesting permission to form Chi Mu Fraternity. By this time the Towne House Association had participated in all men's intramural sports and had come out on top in several.

While the petition was being processed the Towne House Association was beset with financial burdens and was unable to meet with the expenses of keeping up the Towne House, and subsequently lost possession of the building.

With the loss of the house some members gave up the idea of a new fraternity, and only a very few had any faith left in its formation when one night the director of men's dormitories for the university introduced to the remaining few a transfer student from the University of Florida, Charles H. Pafford, Jr., who had once been president of Florida Alpha Chapter.

From this meeting onward the small group continued to meet at a local boarding house for supper where they kept burning the spark to continue the association.

In February, 1948, much to the surprise of these fraternity pioneers, the Florida Alpha Chapter of Chi Mu was finally recognized by the school administration and the Interfraternity Council. More and more men were added to the new fraternity's ranks and after some mention of a few other national fraternities, on March 31, 1948, Chi Mu Fraternity unanimously voted to petition to become the Florida Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

At the beginning of the fall quarter, Sep-

tember, 1948, the director of men's dormitories told some of the members about the old hospital building which had been vacated because it had been outgrown. Without hesitation the association voted to lease this 35-room building for their chapter house.

After being approved by the university administration, and necessary contracts drawn up and signed, the boys began moving in until at present there are over 20 men living in the chapter house and more moving in as soon as the rooms are re-finished.

In the basement of the four-story building there is a large kitchen and appliances with a good sized dining-room adjoining in which meals are expected to be served at the beginning of the school year next fall.

A large orange grove on the west side of the house serves the Florida Beta boys with citrus fruits almost all year around. There are conditions concerning the use of the grove as prescribed by the hospital association that owns the entire estate.

The University

John B. Stetson University is a fair-sized co-educational institution of higher learning consisting of about 2,000 students located in DeLand, Volusia County, Fla.

With the beginning of Stetson University came the beginning of DeLand, now a city

DeLeon Springs offers recreation near by. In background stands old Spanish sugar mill.



of over 15,000 people. In March, 1876, Mr. H. A. DeLand of Fairport, N.Y., came to Florida on a sight-seeing trip. While visiting friends in an unnamed settlement in the central part of the state he was so impressed by the pleasant climate and natural beauty that he returned after an absence of one year and made his permanent home, where DeLand stands today.

In 1883, Mr. DeLand realized the need of an educational institution in that part of Florida and personally undertook, together with a small group of students, to establish DeLand Academy.

At first classes were held in the basement of a local church. In 1884 the academy moved into DeLand Hall, erected by Mr. DeLand on part of what is now the beautiful campus of Stetson University. In 1885, after a financial compromise with the Florida Baptist Convention, DeLand Academy was named DeLand Academy and College.

In 1886, Mr. DeLand's best friend, John B. Stetson, Esq., noted hat manufacturer of Philadelphia, became attracted to the thriving young college and gave freely of his time and fabulous wealth toward its advancement. In 1887 a charter was obtained from the state of Florida incorporating the school as DeLand University.

In 1889, at the insistence and request of Mr. DeLand, the name of DeLand University was changed to John B. Stetson University and has so remained until this day.

Physical growth of the school bounded into light. New buildings have been added so now the school boasts of 20 beautiful buildings on its campus including the massive administration buildings, the sprawling university cafeteria, five large girls'

dormitories, the Carnegie Library, the noted Irving C. Stover Little Theatre, the school of technology, five fraternity houses, two music buildings, two gymnasiums, a student coffee shop and the beautiful Hulley Tower which houses the artistic Eloise Chimes.

Besides all this, Stetson University's college of law has achieved national distinction in law circles. Housing the law school is the 25-acre tract of land and buildings of the former United States Naval Air Base, two miles east of DeLand on the Daytona Beach Highway.

Near to Stetson is the world's most famous beach at Daytona. Only 20 miles away it commands the entertainment world for that section of Florida. Florida boasts a great deal about its many springs, and there are four well-known springs within a 50-mile radius of DeLand. They are: Silver Springs, Ocala; DeLeon Springs, north of DeLand; Blue Springs, Orange City; and Sanlando Springs between Orlando and Sanford.

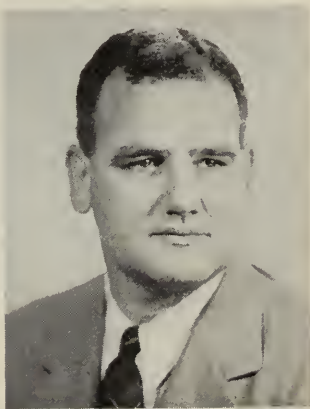
From its beginning until now Stetson University has boasted of its great presidents: Dr. John F. Forbes (1885-1903); Dr. Lincoln Hulley (1904-1934); Dr. William Sims Allen (1934-1948), and Dr. John Ollie Edmunds (1948-).

Until now the university can boast of only five fraternities and five sororities. The fraternities are the Sigma Omega colony of Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Sigma Phi, and Sigma Phi Epsilon. The sororities are Phi Mu, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Pi Beta Phi. There is, in addition, the Stray Greek organization which caters to fraternity men and women who are members of fraternities not represented on the campus.

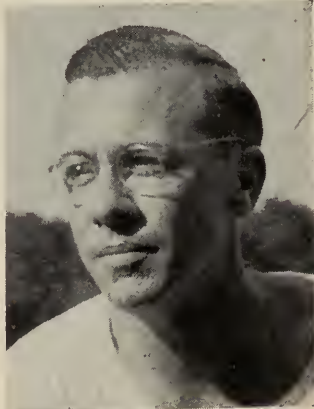
William Norman
Professor of Law



Edward C. Furlong
Director of Business School



Philip Glancy
Coach of Athletics





Chicago Skyline, from the southeast looking towards Michigan Boulevard.

Wind Up for the Windy City

By JOHN W. BRANTA

No one ever regrets going to a Sig Ep Conclave, say the oldtimers, and the Chicago event September 6, 7, 8, will by no means be an exception.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON'S "Hub of the Continent" Conclave is rapidly taking shape in Chicago. That's where it will be held this September 6, 7, and 8th—at the modern and well-located La Salle Hotel at LaSalle and Madison—and that's the slogan chosen by the working group of Windy City alumni, headed by District Governor J. Russell Pratt, who are responsible for the successful conduct of the Twenty-First Grand Chapter Conclave.

With Russ Pratt, Michigan Alpha, '39, in charge as general chairman, the following are handling committee chairmanships: R. E. Pitt, Minnesota Alpha, '30, Finance; Arthur G. von Plachecki, Illinois Alpha, '34, Housing and Entertainment; Donald W. Kanne, Minnesota Alpha, '31, Program; Donald J. Kline, Michigan Alpha, '30, Registrations; John W. Branta, Illinois Alpha,

'34, Publicity; Robert H. Clewlow, Indiana Alpha, '48, Hospitality; A. F. Gehlbach, Illinois Alpha, '23, Interfraternity Luncheon; Walter M. Edwards, Illinois Alpha, '26, Dates. Still to be appointed is a chairman on Women's Activities.

Several of these fellows are actually "doubling in brass," since they serve also as officers for 1948-49 of the Chicago Alumni Chapter. Don Kanne is president, Bob Clewlow, treasurer, and John Branta, secretary. Millard S. McGuffin, Illinois Alpha, '34, is currently vice-president.

In addition to gathering every month (second Monday at Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams Street, Chicago) at the regular chapter meeting to go over Conclave affairs, these chairmen also have been getting together other times during the month to make decisions on Conclave problems and keep things rolling. In November when Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., stopped off for a few hours in Chicago, Russ Pratt got the chairmen together to show Bill the La Salle Hotel, and bring him up-to-date on affairs. Then late in December, when Frank Ruck, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, had some Christmas time in his home town of Chicago, another dinner session was held to inform him of what was happening and get his ideas and suggestions on how best to make up the Conclave program.

Besides selection of the La Salle as the site for the 1949 Conclave, the Chicago bunch has decided to give each delegate an attractive souvenir as a memento of his Chicago visit. Previously, there have been gifts



General Chairman: "To say that the Twenty-first Grand Chapter Conclave which we are preparing to hold in Chicago this September is going to be about the biggest that Sigma Phi Epsilon has ever staged may sound rather trite, but it is about the best way we can think of to sum up a progress report at this time. Our location here in the Midwest, the fine hotel that we've engaged—everything is shaping up well. And let me point out that we started working on this Conclave pretty far ahead—last August, to be exact. That was even before the executive committee gave us the go-ahead signal. But we wanted to do it that way . . . to make sure everything was considered and on the schedule, and then handled completely and satisfactorily. Right now let me say, "We want to welcome you personally to Chicago!"—J. RUSSELL PRATT, *Michigan Alpha, '39, Governor of District X and Conclave General Chairman, Supervisor, Methods Engineering Dept., Westinghouse Electric Corp., Chicago*



Publicity Committee: "So far our efforts to publicize and call attention to the 1949 Conclave have been pretty much through the channels of the JOURNAL. These next three issues—April, June, and August—will be used to tell every member of the fraternity as much about our plans for a really big Conclave as we can do at such advance times. We're shooting for a large turnout here in Chicago, and if we answer all the questions now, the more persons will be enthusiastic about the whole venture. Of course, with the program and agenda that is being planned our national mailings and final "on-the-spot" publicity shouldn't be too hard to develop."—JOHN W. BRANTA, *Illinois Alpha, '34, Chairman, Publication Advertising, International Harvester Export Company, Chicago*



Finance Committee: "At present we are busy collecting working capital in the shape of guarantees from Chicagoland Sig Eps. We've just got under way and progress has been quite satisfactory so far (a letter stating our financial circumstances and asking for assistance went out February 9) but we are still on the track of additional donations to cover the many expenses of the Conclave. Many of these will have to be met before any registration money comes in. Note that above we use the word 'guarantee'; we are making it quite plain that money will be returned to everyone making a donation if the convention winds up 'in the black.' We intend to make it come out that way!"—ROBERT E. PITT, *Minnesota Alpha, '31, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, Pitt Engineering Company, Chicago*

Dates Committee: "Before long we will be circulating requests for information on just what type of gals Sig Eps want to meet in Chicago—probably at the time the plea for registration information goes out. Meanwhile, this committee is contacting all the sororities at Northwestern University, various model agencies including Patricia Stevens, and using contacts through the La Salle Hotel. The chapter here at Illinois Tech will be a big help. Remember, when your chance comes to tell us about size, age, complexion, etc., that you're going to meet some really attractive and congenial gals in Chicago. I've even got the girls in my office helping me—and when you're in the perfume business, you make it a point to have some 'good-lookers' around!"—WALTER M. EDWARDS, *Illinois Alpha*, '26, *Chairman, Comptroller and Assistant Treasurer, Dana Perfumes, Inc., Chicago*



Program Committee: "This committee's major task, at present, consists of contacting outstanding members of the fraternity so that we can line up a worth-while and constructive slate of speakers for the Conclave. Although it is still too early to make any specific statements on who will appear since there are no definite commitments, we are after both Sig Eps of national stature, and those who are leaders in their particular fields."—DONALD W. KANNE, *Minnesota Alpha*, '31, *Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, La Crosse Dredging Corp., Chicago*



Housing and Entertainment Committees: These two committees have been under the guidance of Arthur G. von Plachecki, *Illinois Alpha*, '34, and we regret to report that Art has been ill with a form of rheumatism for the past five weeks, and in bed a great deal of that time. It was through Art's very fine work that a complete survey of the hotel situation was made in Chicago, starting as far back as last August, and our decision to select the La Salle Hotel then made. Those who have been working with him report that the Housing committee is currently making firm registrations to take care of all delegates and fraternity officials, so that everyone will be in the same hotel. All reservations for our meeting rooms have been made and confirmed. Once Art is back on his feet, he plans to get started on his detailed arrangements concerning Entertainment.





View of north part of La Salle lobby, with registration desk at left, and entrance to Whitechapel Pub. (photo by Kaufmann & Fabry)

for the occasion provided at the Grand Ball which remained with the lady guests, but this year delegates will go home with something that they'll really want to place on the mantel or bookshelf.

After reviewing the possibilities of every Chicago hotel that was able to house and provide for the needs of a convention the size of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Conclave, the La Salle was chosen as the best of the lot. Located at the intersection of LaSalle and Madison Streets, it's in the center of downtown Chicago, and what's more important, has just completed a two million dollar rehabilitation program of which hotel officials are justly proud.

The result is that now the La Salle has the most modern facilities—actually a new 1,000-room hotel in which master craftsmen have combined the latest refinements of

striking beauty and luxury of today, with the streamlined efficiency of tomorrow. The building may be 38 years old, but there is a new spirit within its walls that has produced one of the great hostelrys of 1949.

Here is a hotel that will be a "home away from home" for Sig Ep delegates. Conclave officials have been assured that all delegates will be housed under this one roof, a big factor in saving time and promoting better fellowship. The well-known Illinois Room will be the location of the meetings; it is situated on the mezzanine floor and has indirect lighting, acoustically treated ceiling, and recessed public address outlets. In every respect this room has been completely renewed.

The spacious and attractive Grand Ballroom, with its high arched ceiling, suggests an atmosphere reminiscent of the Empire Period. Located on the 19th floor, it is served by automatic, self-leveling, high-speed elevators that provide quick and easy movement from any part of the hotel.

With all this talk about accommodations other than the rooms in which the delegates will unpack the extra shirt and grab some shut-eye, how about those 1,000 rooms? Well, Bill Hindman found out what the Chicago bunch was talking about when he stayed overnight there, and agreed with

Chicago, city of the 21st Grand Chapter Conclave. Michigan Avenue at the bridge.



them right off that here were "quarters" to meet every requirement. From smartly furnished bedrooms to the lavishly appointed parlor suites, the La Salle rooms have been carefully designed and decorated, as part of the complete remodernization program, to take care of every comfort and safety of the guest.

And what about a spot to get some food and perhaps a drink? There are six beautiful dining-rooms and lounges in the La Salle, chief of which is the charming Lotus Room with its dinner and dance music nightly. Others are the Men's Grill, White-chapel Pub, the Coffee Room, the Hour Glass Lounge, and the Jovial '90s Tap. Their popularity is truly a reflection of the outstanding reputation of the La Salle for excellent cuisine and good beverages.

One more thing—when we say "right downtown," we mean just that. The La Salle is in close proximity to the theatrical and shopping centers of Chicago's "Loop," and really adjacent to the Union Station (Burlington, Pennsylvania, and Milwaukee roads) and the Northwestern Station. Right in the heart of the great financial district.

So here's an indication of what Chicago plans for you at the great "Hub of the Continent" Conclave. There'll be more later to convince you that this will really be one of the finest Sigma Phi Epsilon Conclaves!



Entrance to attractive Hour Glass Lounge.

★ WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ★



William S. Hoffmeister, Maryland Alpha, in his laboratory at Carter Oil Company.

W. S. HOFFMEISTER

Father of the Johns Hopkins Chapter

ALL but forgotten, save by a handful of those near by, are the men who fired the spark for launching the chapters of the Fraternity. Today the chapter at Johns Hopkins University is widely known, for it is a good chapter, but relatively few members know that its founding father was W. S. Hoffmeister, who was born February 26, 1901, at Baltimore, and at Hopkins in the fall of 1921 led in the organization of a local group known as Delta Gamma Theta. This local gained much prestige in its eight-year existence, before it was chartered as Maryland Alpha on June 15, 1929.

Today W. S. Hoffmeister is president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni of Eastern Oklahoma.

Having received his A.B. at Hopkins in 1923, he continued his studies to receive his Ph.D. in 1926, his major being geology. From the campus he went almost directly to Venezuela as a paleontologist for the Creole Petroleum Corporation, subsidiary of Standard Oil Company (N.J.). In 1941 he was transferred to Shreveport, La., with Carter Oil Company, another Standard Oil subsidiary. He remained here until 1946 when he was transferred by the same company to Tulsa, Okla., as research geologist specializing in paleontology.

Every phase of development in the exploration, drilling, production and handling of crude oil is being studied in special projects at the new Carter laboratory. Additional space has been provided, the staff has been enlarged, and the history of development in these fields has been compiled.

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Arthur J. Smith, Wisconsin Alpha.

A Voice for the Unknown Soldier

By ARTHUR J. SMITH

Let us erect at the UN Capitol a tomb for the all-nations Unknown Soldier whose presence may compel an eternal vote against all war.

UNLESS a dramatic approach is made to PEACE, the people of the world are going to travel in a very lethargic way and all that has been set up as a goal may be lost. I have therefore formulated a plan that I have submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a plan for creating a

United Nations Unknown Soldiers Tomb.

Perhaps such a monument would stand as an eternal reminder of the first hope of the people of the world—everlasting peace.

The sacred area of the Tomb, given a prominent position at the proposed United Nations Capitol in New York City, should be strategically located so that all delegates and representatives of the nations assembled would consistently pass the hallowed Shrine. An Honor Guard composed of all member nations would serve night and day and an unquenched flame would burn forever to remind the world of the needless sacrifices caused by war.

I believe the dedication of the tomb would serve as a challenge to the powers of the world that the UN must function! The fact that the honored one within the tomb might be Chinese, Russian, British, a Balkan, an African or one from the many other countries should be an ageless factor as the deliberations for Peace are conducted. It would serve as a constant reminder of the unspeakable horror of war, and the waste of young manhood that should be erased forever from our earth. It would place all men of all nations on the same common ground . . . give us a strong common bond of understanding.

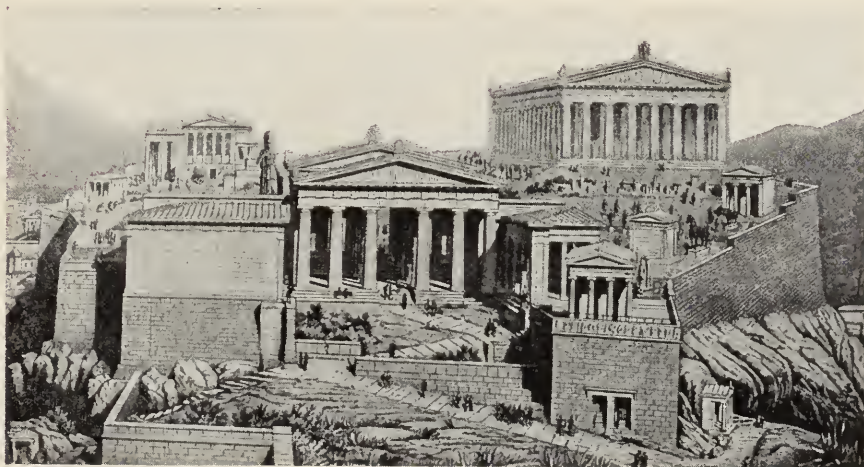
The selection of the body to be honored would be of major importance. Unidentified bodies from the theatres of the war would be assembled and one selected by secret lot for the United Nations Unknown Soldiers Tomb. Perhaps the honorary committee named to conduct the selection of the body would include the widows of heroes of World War II whose husbands' bodies were never found. The very fact that the UN was uniting in the effort would again focus the attention of the entire world on the imperative need for a lasting Peace, and this would be perpetuated by annual ceremonies at the Tomb on an appropriate day. Although the procedure may seem involved, it would assure equality to all nations. I feel that the undying symbol created by the United Nations Unknown Soldiers Tomb would be worth any problems that occurred many times over.

can Association for the United Nations and I am immediately taking your suggestion up with the Board with the hope that they may care to push the matter through their very important liaison channels with the United Nations."

WALTER WINCHELL Column: "Arthur J. Smith of Sioux City, Iowa, has a sane suggestion: The creation of a United Nations Unknown Soldiers Tomb (at the UN) to keep reminding them why they are there. Talk this up."

WILLIAM H. STONEMAN, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General: "The suggestion is being given careful consideration by those responsible for planning the new headquarters and a decision will be taken before final plans for the headquarters are settled."

Letters have also been received approving the plan from the United States Department of State, Walter Davenport, Editor of *Collier's*, Columnist Walter Lippmann, Bernard Baruch, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Senator Chan Gurney, and other leaders. Time has not elapsed to allow for comment from overseas recipients.



How the Acropolis at Athens looked at the time of Greece's greatest glory.



Governor John W. Bonner addresses banquet of Montana Sig Eps at Missoula.

Governor of the Treasure State

By JAMES L. C. FORD

Montana-born John W. Bonner has climbed step by step to the state's highest office through a faultless record of service to the citizenry.

HEARTS of Montana Sig Eps are proud, for their brother, John W. Bonner, Montana Alpha, is sitting in the governor's chair at Helena under the copper dome of the State Capitol.

Recently elected to the highest office in the state, Bonner has recorded a list of firsts as a result of his successful campaign last November. Never before has a native Montanan been so honored and never before has a graduate of the public schools of the state held the office of governor.

In the first public dinner which he attended following his election, Brother John characteristically came to Missoula, home of the state university, to be honored by his own chapter brothers. In a banquet attended by two hundred brothers and their wives, he paid tribute to Sigma Phi Epsilon and its influence upon his life. In turn, his fraternity classmates recalled school-day stories about the governor. Prom-

inent in the arrangements for the dinner were Charles "Chuck" Gaughan, Montana Alpha, and Lloyd Hogan, district governor.

Bonner is the third Sig Ep governor, the others being William M. Tuck, Virginia Epsilon, of Virginia; and Oscar Rennebohm, Wisconsin Beta, of Wisconsin.

Bonner is a real Montanan. Shortly after John's birth at Butte, Montana, his parents moved to a stock ranch at Perma, Mont. Here he became a skilled horseman and an experienced ranch hand. Like most boys, John had visions of becoming a famous cowboy who rounded up rustlers, was a sure shot, and enjoyed the sky as his roof.

During the summer he and his brother, Tom, rode the range together and became almost inseparable. They made an agreement that if they ever had sons they would name the boys after each other. Just 22 months ago John was able to carry out his end of the agreement.

The legendary one-room rural school house was where John received his elementary education.

The riders of the pony express had nothing on John. Many is the time during his youth in Sanders County that he came to the aid of friends and neighbors and acted as call-boy for the doctor or galloped over the plains on other errands.

During his senior year in high school John's parents returned to his birthplace in Butte, the richest hill on earth. The large high school was quite a change from the previous schools he had attended but John, with his easy, likeable manner readily adjusted himself to the change and won many life-long friends.

Following a two-year interval teaching

grade school and coaching athletics at Camus Prairie High School to earn money to finance his college career, John entered Montana State University. His personality and leadership brought him many honors during those college days. His academic studies centered on the legal profession and he was graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1928. John worked part-time during his college career and spent the summers in the mines at Butte. Highlight of his fraternal life in Sigma Phi Epsilon came when his brother Tom entered MSU and was pledged.

For a few years John carried on a private practice, but was soon taken from it because of the demands of his friends that he run for public office. He was elected and served as the attorney for the Montana State Highway Commission and the Board of Railroad Commissioners of the state.

The year 1929 brought with it a big change in the young attorney's life, his marriage to his former sweetheart, Josephine Agnes Martin.

John is usually a conservative dresser, with the only bright touch being a flashy tie. Last year, however, he opened up and satisfied all his suppressed desires when he purchased a checkered sport jacket, casual slacks, and saddle shoes. The smile on his better half's lips was the only comment.

In 1940 John again became a servant of the people of Montana when he was elected to the position of Attorney General. He was also a member of the State Board of Examiners, the State Land Board, and ex-officio member of the Montana Board of Education.

In and out of public office John has demonstrated his ability to be a leader. Fellow members of the Montana Bar association recognized this ability when they elected him their president. This appointment added another first to his list for he is the first graduate of the Montana Law School to be so honored.

With the outbreak of World War II, John offered his services to his country and was assigned to the staff of the Judge Advocate's department with the rank of major. Previous to this he served with the 163rd Infantry of the Montana National Guard

at Camp Murray in Washington. He served in the European Theatre of Operations and Judge Advocate General's department with the Timber Wolves (104th Infantry division) and later with the First Army. For approximately two months before Germany surrendered, Bonner was Chief of War Crimes in the First Army Area. At present he holds the position of Chief of Staff, with the rank of Colonel, of the Reserve 96th Infantry division.

After his discharge from the service John again entered private practice until the past election.

Early to bed and early to rise is the motto followed by Bonner and his family.

Speaking of family life, John is one up on Cantor. Not only does he have four girls, but he hit the jack pot and got the boy also. The four girls, Josephine, Virginia, Patricia, and Wilma Jean all bear boys' nicknames (Jo, Jack, Pat, and Billy) which might indicate that John's hopes were not completely fulfilled until close to two years ago when Tommy joined their family circle.

Though John Bonner has attained the highest position in Montana he will always be John to his brothers in the fraternity in memory of his student days in the white house with the big heart shining above the door.

Governor John W. Bonner, Montana Alpha, Mrs. Bonner, and family in recent photo.





An Alumni Board at work with the chapter officers at Indiana Beta, left to right, sitting: Richard Van Dyke, comptroller; Brice Smith, treasurer; Dr. Maurice Felger, president; B. R. Davidson, Jr., faculty adviser and secretary. Left to right, standing: Richard Lieb, vice-president; Howard Evans; Don Munich, president; Dr. William C. Smolenske, Grand Historian; Richard Garrett. Meeting took place on February 12. National officers perform vital travel services.

Do We Need An Alumni Traveler?

By CHARLES E. ALLRED

The author evaluates carefully the arguments against as well as those favoring the Fraternity's employment of an alumni field secretary.

THERE does not seem to be much question that it would scarcely be possible to set up an effective alumni program for Sigma Phi Epsilon without creating the job of Alumni Field Secretary. I regard this topic of great importance in the formulation of a feasible alumni program and hence devote this entire installment to it.

But there are always reasons for and against any proposal which is advanced, and I believe in getting them out on the table so they may be studied and evaluated. Benjamin Franklin had a good plan. He said to list all the favorable factors on one side and the unfavorable on the other. Then assign appropriate weights to each factor,

and see which side has the most weighty arguments.

There will naturally be differences of opinion among members as to the weights which should be assigned to the various factors, depending upon their ideas as to the relative importance of each factor. But following B. Franklin's suggestion, I am going to list some of the more important factors for the reader's consideration. First let us consider the negative side of the question.

Arguments Against

The employment of an alumni field secretary entails considerable expense.

1. Costs to members should be kept low.
 2. Present large chapters probably will not continue.
 3. In a depression members could not pay high dues.
 4. A capable person would require a large salary.
 5. Traveling expenses are high.
 6. Our policy precludes dues on alumni.
- It would be difficult to find and retain a suitable person.*

1. Work would require being away from home much of the time.
2. Work would require a high-type, educated, vigorous, mature person to inspire confidence.
3. This type person could make more in some other position.

4. Continuity of work could not be maintained due to changing personnel.

All efforts should be devoted to helping the active chapters. These are the seedbeds of the Fraternity. As they improve or decline, so goes the Fraternity as a whole.

Alumni have lost interest. It is impossible to reactivate this interest.

Other fraternities have not done, and are not doing much in this field.

Let's wait and learn by the experience of other fraternities.

Arguments For

The Fraternity can afford an alumni field secretary.

1. During the fiscal year 1947 income of the Central Office was \$29,000 above expenses.

2. At the 1947 Grand Chapter Conclave, Brother Roberts, Junior Grand Marshal, said: "There is no question at all but what, with the income we now have every year, the Fraternity can well afford an Alumni Secretary."

3. At the same Conclave, Brother Hindman, Grand Secretary, said "In my own personal opinion, I think we can afford it."

4. It should be remembered that the primary objective of alumni groups is not to help themselves but to be of help to the active chapters. The function of an alumni field secretary would be to help the alumni do this job better. For that reason it is logical that this official be paid from the same funds as other officials of the Fraternity. No chapter can really prosper without alumni support.

The national Fraternity needs such an official.

1. Many alumni groups appear to feel as does Brother Martino of the Dallas Alumni, who said at the last Conclave: "We certainly need help, and we need a lot of it, from our Grand Chapter, and we haven't been getting it."

2. That the Editor of the JOURNAL feels the need for such help is evidenced by the following quotation from a recent letter to alumni groups: "It is undoubtedly important that the JOURNAL report alumni activities to the best effect. . . . Perhaps some day

the Fraternity will be sufficiently well off to maintain an Alumni Field Secretary who will not only send interesting reports of alumni activity to the JOURNAL for its readers, but will go armed with a camera as well. Improvements along this line will help us catch up to the pace of national fraternities that are making the best records along the lines of full-fledged alumni participation."

3. Other work with alumni which needs doing may be briefly stated as follows: (a) Encourage alumni in areas near potential new chapters to promote the organization of such chapters. (b) Keep the fraternity directory thoroughly up to date, classified geographically, by installing a system whereby alumni chapters are automatically notified when a member from any chapter moves into or out of their respective territories. (c) Prepare a national manual on alumni chapter procedures, activities, and relationships. (d) Encourage and prepare local groups for installation as alumni chapters. (e) Work out a plan whereby older alumni (before 1924) may become life subscribers to the JOURNAL on an equitable basis. (f) Teach the alumni the joy of sharing, the joy of participation in the work of the Fraternity, and that time devoted to such activities is in reality a "gift to the giver."

Answers of merit may be found to these other objections:

1. While it is admitted that a well qualified man is necessary, and that he might

Deputies during a 10-minute break at Oklahoma Gamma's third annual Moonshiner's Ball. Left to right: L. W. Crump, T. C. Hughes, Mrs. Larkin Bailey, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Crump, Mrs. I. W. Roark, Mother Hendershot, I. W. Roark and Grand President Larkin Bailey.





Theta Upsilon Omega alumni initiated at Miami, left to right: Robert L. Hammond, A. Compton Russell, Charles A. McCreary, Andrew W. Kincaid, Dr. Kenneth G. Hawver, Albert N. Hoffman, Harmon H. Neal, Lowell K. Shaffer, John L. Tulipan, David H. Glosser. Seated, left to right: Alvarado L. Reas, Charles S. Brown, Myron T. Potter, Lonord B. Landis, Eugene Cameron, Dr. D. G. Sroufe. Alumni program would help make Sig Ep worthwhile for them.

make more money in other lines, it is felt that there are capable men with enough love for the Fraternity and for the beneficial spirit of fraternalism, to give of their time and energy willingly to this cause. Examples of this interest exist in other fraternal orders, and I feel sure the same is true in our own. Such persons could be depended upon to continue in the work over a considerable period.

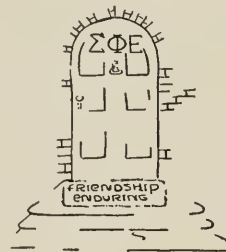
2. To the argument that a man would not want to be away from home, it may be pointed out that many bachelors and widowers enjoy travel, and that association with persons and groups with similar interests would be an enjoyable experience.

3. In my observation, the contention that alumni interest cannot be revived is not borne out by the facts. These men are still fundamentally interested in the Fraternity, and each will respond in his own way to a well organized and active alumni program. An alumni field secretary is needed to help initiate and carry out such programs.

4. While it is true that this is a relatively new movement, I agree with Brother Hindman who said in regard to this question, at the last Conclave, "Of course I believe Sigma Phi Epsilon should be mentioned first in any movement if it is a good movement. . . ." This is a movement which is sure to grow. If we sit idly by while our

competitors set up their organizations and take the lead, we will have missed a golden opportunity.

In conclusion, it is the writer's opinion that the "ayes" have it—that the arguments on the affirmative side outweigh those of the negative—and that steps should be taken at the next Conclave to put such a plan into effect as soon as possible.



The Old Timer, writing in a recent issue of the *Triad* of Acacia, coins an excellent slogan with respect to alumni whose whereabouts are unknown. It is: "They were worth *initiating*, so they are worth *finding*."

He writes: "The missing alumnus is a tragedy. The word 'missing' on his card speaks eloquently; it tells of a derelict adrift on an uncharted sea, a man whose old friends know not where to find him, nor never in which direction to look. The notation of 'mail returned' preaches a sermon on sins of omission; it is a mute confession that someone has blundered."

Here Is Sigma Chi, A Sig Ep Rival

By WILSON B. HELLER

Fraternity Row's most penetrating analyst provides a hard-hitting and bitter-with-the-sweet introduction to the house almost everybody knows.

SIGMA CHI is by far the best known of all college social groups. It is the ONLY ONE known by non-college people.

"The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," an all-time top-selling, modern melody, is the reason.

In fact, this tune and one man have made Sigma Chi what it is today. The man is their longtime magazine editor.

"The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" is the only fraternal song (college or non-college) to become a popular, lasting, big-seller, English-speaking tune followers and radio listeners world wide, from farmers to shop girls, know the tune and the title.

Every radio station has for twenty years played it frequently. Unknown to Sig members, this has had a powerful effect upon the fraternity, its conduct and conditions. It has done considerable harm as well as good.

All of the fraternal "sweetheart" contests originated with Sigma Chi. These contests and sweethearts have today spread to foreign countries, to stevedores and cotton pickers, with publicity reams *ad nauseam*. Blame it on Sigma Chi!

Now to Sigma Chi's second great possession, *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

No one questions this being the best of all college social group publications. It should be as it costs the most (counting expense of editorial preparation), perhaps twice that of any rival—and it has a top editor.

This editor, Chester W. Cleveland, a live wire little fellow, boasts that he is less modest than any rival but each rival knows that Chet actually has a right to fame. He has made his magazine what it is today in all respects.

The magazine, in turn, has done more good for Sigma Chi than has the song or any other influence since founding years. Cleveland is "Mr. Sigma Chi," but few Sigs realize this.

Due to the magazine, Sig alumni are commonly referred to as the most vociferously spirited group in the fraternity world. The magazine has done this despite disadvantages such as high price of and no required life subscription and a smaller circulation than that of many rivals with compulsory life subscriptions.

Cleveland's policies, original ideas, traditions, customs, language, have been unconsciously followed by all Sigs. He has greatly shaped Sigma Chi thought, customs, and traditions as followed today. He is now a leader in a current "inside" attempt to remedy the National's very unbusinesslike national and chapter administrative and financial setup. This may result in some degree of management efficiency—sadly and obviously lacking to date.

Other Outstanding Facts

The "white cross" badge of Sigma Chi, surveys disclose, is considered most attractive of those of men's or women's fraternal groups, with Sigma Nu, Pi Phi, Kappa and D.G. second.

Sigs have had more famed athletic stars than any rival, as well as a goodly complement of athletic "bums" and debtors.

Sig chapters disclose no tendency to a particular "type" as do those of many others. Surveys since 1912 shows Sigs to be average in popularity. Nearest to any typing has been



Sigma Chi Chet Cleveland, whose genius in public relations has multiplied the stature of the entire Greek-letter world, shown with the late President Franklin Roosevelt.

Birth of a Sweetheart

HOW the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" came into being is related here expressly for the JOURNAL by the man who wrote the music for the song when he was an undergraduate in the Sigma Chi house at Albion College, Mich. He is F. Dudleigh Vernor, director of music at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit.

"The first year at Albion I was pledged to Sigma Chi. In the chapter was an upperclassman, Byron D. Stokes who often waxed poetic and wrote many bits of verse from time to time. One day he handed me the words to 'The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi' and asked me to see what I could do with them. One day while practicing my organ lesson on the old Chapel organ, I placed the words By had given me on the music rack and improvised a bit on melodies to go with the lyrics. After a half hour or so I had jotted down what finally seemed to click, the present melody of the Sweetheart.

"There was no real inspiration, save the text itself although there was a rather special girl at the time with golden hair and blue eyes. You see Mr. Stokes wrote about his dream girl.

"After playing the song around the Fraternity House for the boys, they soon began humming the melody and this led to the whole chapter singing the song at their special events. It became known around the campus and the sororities began giving vent to their vocal possibilities. In due time those hearing it wanted copies so my brother Dick backed me in arranging to have it published. We received our copyright and had 500 copies published under the name of 'The Richard E. Vernor Publishing Company.' To get rid of some of these we sent a copy to each Sigma Chi chapter.

"In short this led to other people wanting copies. Little by little the demand for the music became so great that my brother and I had to hire a secretary to take care of all the mail orders. We were offered many chances to sell the number by large publishing houses. We ignored this for some time because the song was not written with the idea of making money but as a tribute to the Sigma Chi Fraternity. However after it became too great an issue for us to handle we agreed to sell the copyright on a royalty basis to the Melrose Music Corporation, who have handled the number ever since."

tendency of so many chapters to be "athletic."

Chapters of the White Cross and Norman Shield (latter the blue pledge button) have it much easier securing pledges than do rivals (just play that song on a record and every entering frosh connects the idea).

This fraternity has more life subscribers to its magazine than has any one without such being compulsory as with efficient Nationals. Cleveland built up this large list and at same time compiled the largest non-compulsory magazine endowment fund in the fraternity world.

Sigma Chi has its share of the fraternity world's famed chapters, such as its Purdue, South California, Indiana, and Illinois chapters, all noted for their strength, color, or publicity. It has its share of others, such as Tulane, traditionally noted for extreme unimportance on campus.

The fraternity is reputed to have one of the most ornate and ceremonious rituals.

In national strength the number and average of the position of importance of its chapters—Sigma Chi runs exactly fifth. While it has many top chapters, it has many more unimportant chapters than do its top four rivals. Subtracting these latter brings it down much. By "position of importance" we mean the rank given chapters in our last survey ('47, '48, or '49) at each campus in their order of Importance, Prominence, and Power with no consideration of a chapter's past or the national's repute.

This fraternity could more easily be first than any fraternity, owing chiefly to its song. Rivals, in a businesslike, competitive manner, have substituted better tables of administrative organization, good executive personnel, and some degree of chapter supervision for the "song" and the "magazine." This seems to work and has put them on top. If Sigma Chi used both, it would lead all.

As intimated above, there is at present the making of a long-needed internal revolution in this fraternity. A recent president gave a start to better chapter supervision methods—that best of all keys to success. The present prexy and handful of others with some horse sense are pitching in to remedy what is probably as inefficient, unbusinesslike, and poorly personneled a national setup as exists.

Added proof of this inefficiency lies in the fact that, with its ease of getting plenty of good pledges, Sigma Chi is loaded with mediocre or even unimportant chapters and all due to no enforced chapter supervision. A further example is the fact that Sigma Chi leads all rivals in the amount of chapter losses in (1) accounts receivable, (2) building equities lost.

You might say that this national possesses almost no national executive control of itself and its chapters. Its National Executive Secretary



Analyst Heller

The author of this second article in the series on "Sigma Phi Epsilon's Chief Rivals" has been director, since 1912, of College Social Analysts, Los Angeles, Calif., his own bureau which he has operated without profit to analyze social

groups, particularly private and collegiate, as to their management and condition, nationally and locally, from 1825 to the present.

The author states that with this article on Sigma Chi he is presenting publicly for the first time a sampling of material from the manuscript of his forthcoming book, "College Fraternities and Sororities."

is that in title only and not all due to his fault, not by any means.

Many of these statements above are shoes that will well fit the feet of many readers of many other nationals and to a certain extent fit those of almost any reader. Don't get the idea that poor old Sigma Chi is the one bad boy. Sororities run their affairs better than fraternities.

Fraternities are now a "big business." The annual gross is enormous. All nationals and all chapters need first to be conducted as is a competing "Main Street" business to keep up with top rivals. Sig chapters that have succeeded have "done it on their own" with little national supervision.

To put it another way: Lack of forceful chapter supervision has permitted far too many Sig chapters to (1) not use the song's advantage, (2) rely upon the song instead of upon energetic and well-planned rushing, (3) possess a harmful superiority or satisfaction complex, (4) take often too many much-rushed play boys and athletes, (5) not collect the "accounts receivable" from members and pledges 100 per cent.

The Chapters

Best Sigma Chi chapters over the years are: Indiana, Northwestern, Purdue, Illinois, Ohio Wesleyan, Dartmouth, Michigan, Utah, with a few other not far behind: M.I.T., Vanderbilt, Oregon, Kansas, Montana, Colorado (we may

miss a couple) from among those on more important campuses.

Among the sad sisters—usually mediocre or trailing over the decades: Tulane (probably best "worst" example)—with others far from creditable for this old national: Syracuse, Pitt, Kentucky. Others with no cause for alltime braggadocio: Virginia, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Penn State, and Penn, among others.

Among those now tops in importance-on-campus or at time of last survey in '47 or '48: Columbia, Beloit, Denison, Illinois Wesleyan, Miami, New Mexico, and Roanoke. The following are tied for honor of being considered most important on campus: Arkansas, Michigan, Illinois, Northwestern, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, South Carolina, Utah State, Utah, Washington (St. Louis), Whitman, Hanover, Pitt and Kentucky (last two after many years far back). Trailing, less important groups are: Centre, Dickinson, Rochester, British Columbia, Wake Forest, Davidson, S.M.U., Virginia, Denver, Case and Western Reserve (these last two being one chapter—sole example in the fraternity world).

Sig's oldest-continuously-living chapter honor goes to its Dartmouth chapter, dating back to '93 as Sigma Chi and before that to '57 as Phi Zeta Mu. Next and but little younger are: Indiana, DePauw, Dickinson, Gettysburg, Butler, Washington and Lee, and Virginia in order named. The fraternity probably owes most to its Ohio Wesleyan chapter for its early-day leadership. The Mother Chapter died after three years, was revived in '92, and was only important in recent years but is now strongest there. The Indiana chapter has initiated the most.

All-in-all stockholders in Sigma Chi in some ways get super-value for their investment in membership. They will get much more when the national's affairs are conducted as a competing business and average chapter strength is greatly raised.

★ ★ *All fraternity and sorority chapters have ten to fifteen as many graduate members as undergraduate ones. The graduates have more contacts, experience, and means to contribute to the perpetual welfare of their organizations. They provide the continuity, the tradition, and the financial security which permits every fraternity and sorority to remain above the level of temporary student groups which are current tenants of a campus rooming house or dormitory.*—STEWART HOWE

Sig Epic Achievement

★ A HERO OF THE GREENLAND ICECAP RESCUE ★

By LARRY POTTER, Wisconsin Alpha

SCARCELY had Lawrence College Sig Eps put away their Christmas toys when news of Lt. Charles L. Ferguson started pouring in via newspaper, radio, magazine, and even news-reel. Wisconsin Alpha couldn't quite prevent itself from chuckling when they heard that Lt. Ferguson, better known as Fergie to his brothers, had been involved in the Greenland icecap rescue of December 28, 1948. For it was Fergie who had re-enlisted in the Army Air Force in December, 1947 "in order to spend his time lolling on the warm Florida beaches."

While this is an ambition shared by most of the brothers of Wisconsin Alpha during the cold Wisconsin winters, few of us ever make it to the sunny Southland.

Fergie didn't either. Through a turn of fate he was stationed first in the wonderful climate of Goose Bay, Labrador and then in the oh-so-peachy climate of Narsarssuak, Greenland, where he was the chief of the Greenland rescue unit. It was in this capacity that he piloted the first plane to attempt to rescue seven men isolated on an ice-coated Greenland plateau.

The rescue attempt took place on December 13, four days after the C-47 transport carrying the seven men had crashed. But Fergie, the rescuer, was destined to share the same fate as those he was rescuing. For when Fergie attempted to land his B-17 bomber laden with rescue supplies, one of the landing gear was caught by an unseen rut and Fergie's plane also crashed. Fergie refers to this as "his infamous rescue attempt."

The story of the eventual rescue of the fliers is now history, how Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry in a C-47 transport was able to land on the ice-cap and take-off with the aid of jet power.

But Fergie presented himself in person at the Sig Ep House several weeks after the rescue and filled in those gaps of details of interest to his fraternity brothers. Fergie told us that at no time did he doubt if he would be rescued. Morale was high, because constant radio touch was kept with the bases. Ferguson, always a mean man with a dollar during his two years at Lawrence, related how he sold snapshots, which he took while stranded, to *Life* magazine. Prior to his re-enlistment he tried to sell us everything from motor scooters to worn-out jackets at "bargain prices."

Fergie comes from Sturgeon Bay, which is located in Wisconsin's famous Door County.



Lt. Charles Ferguson, Wisconsin Alpha.
"There is no place like Door County."

That fact Wisconsin Alpha could never forget, since Fergie, during his days at Lawrence wouldn't let us forget it. Door County was IT! He even sang a song, "Door County," which exalted that spot. But who would think Fergie would force the song upon his fellow stranded fliers in Greenland? Alas, he says that in no time he had them singing the song. Fergie, by the way, is an excellent singer, having been a soloist in Lawrence College's well-known traveling choir and the one ringing voice in Wisconsin Alpha serenades for two years.

Fergie is now stationed in Detroit nearer to civilization. He says that when he is discharged there is a good chance of his returning to Lawrence. We hope so. We're plumb out of heroes to tell us war stories, even if they come from Door County.

Forrestal Leaves Cabinet

Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, New Hampshire Alpha, resigned his post in a letter to President Truman, effective March 31. The letter noted that he had served in the Cabinets of both President Roosevelt and Mr. Truman and that he had been Secretary of Defense for eighteen months. It disclosed that the President soon will recommend amendments to the

national security act of 1947, which "unified" the armed services, and said that progress already made enabled him "for the first time to take into account those urgent personal considerations about which I have spoken to you and to submit my resignation with the hope that you may grant it, effective on or about March 31."

The resignation of the last remaining member of the Roosevelt Cabinet Truman inherited, after eight and a half years in key defense posts, came as no surprise.

Brother Forrestal, who retires from government at the age of fifty-seven, was at his summer home in Florida. It was believed that after a rest he would return to the New York banking house of Dillon, Read & Co., of which he was president until his appointment as Under Secretary of the Navy in 1940.

Stevens Honor Award

Frederick Wierk, New Jersey Alpha, '23, received the Stevens Honor Award at the 79th Annual Stevens Dinner on February 18 at the Hotel Astor, New York City. The award, made in recognition of outstanding achievement by Brother Wierk in the fields of engineering design, construction and administration, is one of the highest honors given by the Trustees of the Stevens Institute of Technology.

The engraved silver medallion and a special lapel identification symbol were presented by Dr. Harvey N. Davis, president of the college. Sig Ep was well represented in the audience of 500 alumni, guests, and trustees.

Wierk's accomplishments include the design and supervision of construction of the huge U. S. Navy base at Quonset, R.I.; the development of the famous Quonset type huts; chief engineer of Merritt-Chapman & Scott, New York, marine construction firm; director of special projects for Ebasco Services, Inc. He was for many years associated with Alvin H. Johnson, New Jersey Alpha, '21, in the consulting engineer firm of Johnson & Wierk; and has a record of 25 years of outstanding success in the paper and pulp process industries. He is

also village engineer for the Incorporated Village of Lake Success, Great Neck, N.Y.

Since October, 1948, Wierk has conducted his own consulting engineering office at Great Neck. His services include complete engineering reports, designs, plant layouts, and construction supervision for all types of process industries. He is married and has a nine-year-old daughter. The family home is at Lake Success.

Bob Keeps Busy

Past Grand President Robert L. Ryan, California Alpha, assistant manager of the Santa Monica branch of the Bank of America since 1947, has been elected president of the Santa Monica Bay Clearing House Association. He has also recently been made chairman of a drive for the Crescent Bay council of the Boy Scouts of America to raise funds for the erection of an executive office building in West Los Angeles.

Burke Works for Burke

Robert J. Burke, Pennsylvania Kappa, has established his own advertising agency at Dallas, Tex., known as R. J. Burke Advertising, Inc. located on 3208 McKinney Avenue. Incorporated in the state of Texas and handling national and sectional accounts, its head man has been associated with advertising agencies in Dallas for the past three years and prior to his five-year service with the U. S. Army, was on the production staff of a Cincinnati agency.

Tulsan to the Top

Lloyd Elkins, Colorado Delta, '34, was recently made head of the production section of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

Chief engineer for Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, situated in Tulsa, he is vice-president of the Tulsa Engineer's Club and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He recently completed an advanced management course at the Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Mass.

"Philomathean Hour" speaker at Phi Mu National Convention on "Fraternities as Action Groups" was William W. Hindman, Jr., Grand Secretary. Guest of the convention at dinner before the meeting, he is shown here with Polly Bird Freear, new collegiate vice-president; Mrs. Dunbar, national president, and Lucinda Hill Peddy, national pledge director. Mrs. Dunbar is the mother of Cal Dunbar, California Alpha, a former officer of his chapter.



On the Campus



Chapter house living-room at Florida Beta.

★ NEW HOUSES ★

At Kansas

January 28, 1949, will go down in the records of Kansas Gamma as a great day, for it was then we moved into our magnificent new house. Ever since the chapter was reactivated, after the close of the war, the thought that has been uppermost in the minds of the members was of getting a new house built and occupied. This has been finally accomplished.

The house is built on the California ranch style and will house 60. The interior is finished in various pastel colors and light woodwork and the furniture has been chosen to match. Everything is of the latest design and one novel feature is that one entire wall of the living-room is mirrored. Another wall of the living-room



Homeless since the war, the Bucknell Sig Eps acquired this house through a great deal of work and cooperation of both the active and alumni chapters. Situated at 103 Brown Street on the edge of the campus, it will accommodate 25 men. With a house again and a pledge class of 19, chapter hopes for prosperous future despite competition of a number of strong houses.



Beautiful new home of Kansas Gamma, which was occupied on January 28, is example of wholehearted co-operation between chapter members, alumni, parents. (photo by D'Ambra)

is nothing but windows, following the typical ranch style of architecture. The lighting is the fluorescent type, with the exception of the living-room and music-room which have nothing but floor and table lamps, giving a much more "homey" atmosphere in these two rooms. The other rooms on the first floor are the dining-room, chapter-room, rumpus room, and house-mother's quarters. Upstairs are the study rooms and the dormitory.

Mrs. E. I. Brammer, of Topeka, a graduate of Howard Payne College, at Fayette, Mo., is our new housemother, and in the few weeks that she has been with us she has already won a place in our hearts.

In honor of Mother Brammer, and to celebrate our moving and to show off our new home, we have planned several teas and open houses for the University faculty, parents, alumni, and the townspeople, and a formal housewarming party for the members of the chapter.

—ALAN DOUGHERTY



Home of Arkansas Alpha, 602 Storer Street, Fayetteville. The new chapter is growing.

★ ★ *The fraternity men's average at Penn State College is 1.497 compared to an all-college men's average of 1.395. Thirty-two of the 40 chapters listed in the ratings released equaled or bettered the all-college men's average.*—DAILY COLLEGIAN, State College, Pa., Nov. 5, 1948

The new Denver chapter house as it nears completion. Located on corner south of Hiltop stadium, adjacent to another fraternity structure.



Sunderlage & Brogren

Illinois Alphans are bursting around the vest buttons when Illinois basketball is mentioned. This year when the Fighting Illini take the floor, two of our sophs are out there: 6-foot Don Sunderlage and 6-foot-2 Dick Brogren.

Dick entered school last year from East Rockford High where he was the star of a quintet that was seeded no. 1 in the state tournament play.

Don comes from Elgin, and has become phenomenal for his excellent playing in the clutch (as when he tied up the Indiana game with 20 seconds left) and in general for his hard driving smooth basketball. At present he is fourth high scorer on the team and we hope that "Little Donny Sunderlage" keeps his "Radar Eye," in words of the radio announcers, long enough to lead the Illini to a terrific season. So does Coach Harry Combes, Illinois Alpha, '37.

John McLellan

A native of Conway, N.H., who came to Wyoming to study geology, John McLellan, Wyoming Alpha, president of the sophomore class, has made an impressive record as an individual skier and in two years John has



Cage record. This shot put Monmouth College's Don Armstrong over the top at 1001 points.

been advanced to student ski instructor here at Wyoming.

Since the age of three, John has been interested in skiing. Because of his skiing activities in high school, he was selected for instructor in the Hannes Schneider ski school. Before entering the service he was a certified ski instructor.

After serving in the Aleutians, John was returned to Camp Hale, Colo., where he became ski instructor in the 10th Mountain Division. He accompanied the 10th to Italy and during their campaign received severe leg injuries, which he has overcome to continue skiing.

At Aspen, Colo., McLellan placed 13th for the Roche Cup and 10th in the North American Championship meet. At Sun Valley against expert competition John placed 24th.

Don Henderson

Donald H. Henderson, Vermont Beta, has received the 1949 Dutton Fellowship which provides \$2,500 to be used for one year of post-graduate study outside the United States. Don hopes to spend the year at Oxford studying history.

Don Armstrong

Don Armstrong, Monmouth's all Conference forward, became the first Monmouth College player to score over 1,000 points during his collegiate career. No more appropriate setting could be imagined for the momentous event, with the college gym packed to the rafters with a strictly partisan crowd. Opposition for the big game was furnished by Knox College, Monmouth's traditional foe in a rivalry that is the oldest west of the Alleghenies.

As the game began Sig Ep Armstrong's point total stood at 999. As the game got underway it was perfectly obvious that the fans considered the first business at hand to be Armstrong's 1,000-point goal. With the game a few minutes old, Don drilled down the floor and sank his first basket. The Hoot Men, campus pep organization, flashed a big sign that read "1,000 points for Armstrong," and students and townspeople alike stood up and cheered the Monmouth star.

Led by Armstrong, who scored 24 points, the team went on to set a home court record, beating their old foes 88-45. The achievement of that goal topped off an athletic career which has seen him win two track letters (he still has one cinder season to go), three letters in football, and four in the court sport, and his placement on first team all-conference selections in both football and basketball. Earlier in the same day Don watched his Sig Ep brothers sweep

away the last basketball game on their intramural schedule by a score of 57-10 to capture the basketball trophy with a perfect season of six wins and no defeats.

—ROBERT W. SIEVING

Leo Kelmenson

New Mexico Alpha president Leo Kelmenson is perhaps one of the most widely talented men to be found in fraternity circles. He is that rare combination of artist and athlete which goes to make an excellent leader and wonderful companion.

As an artist he has made great strides in the fields of creative design and sculpture. As an athlete and sportsman his activities are varied, from early Golden Gloves boxing days, to football, gymnastics, motorcycle racing, and skiing. He is the holder of many, still undisputed, speed and endurance swimming records. To the amazement of all he entered New Mexico's intramural rodeo and took honorable mention in wild bronc and bull riding while in competition with some of the best riders in the west. Leo spends his summers at his Long Island, N.Y., home where he is one of the finest young skippers in modern day ocean sailing.

"Laughing Boy," a name he received in the service because it seemed nothing could dampen his spirit, is a reserve Marine officer and Jiu-Jitsu expert, who expects to go into the fields of architecture and yacht design. He was attracted to the University of New Mexico by the wonderful opportunities offered in the College of Fine Arts.

—THOMAS MONTGOMERY

Charles Whaley

Charles Whaley, Kentucky Alpha president, hasn't scored touchdowns on the University of Kentucky Wildcat football team nor has he romped for UK's championship cage team, but when he is graduated next June he will be a "four-letter" man in his own right.

Only recently he attained the topmost award with his election to Phi Beta Kappa, highest scholarship recognition in the College of Arts and Sciences. His new Phi Beta Kappa key will be added to his editorship of the senior year-book, the *Kentuckian*, which is nearing the going-to-press stage with the largest edition in its 49-year history.

A typical day on the campus with "Charlie" would run something like this: At 8 A.M. he starts working on the *Kentuckian*, leaving his office at 10 A.M. to attend a class in feature writing and one in sociology. He then has lunch at the Sig Ep house, and at 1 P.M. he goes to another journalism class. Following another session in his *Kentuckian* office, he goes to a class in short story writing.



Sig Eps provide color guard of Ernie Pyle Post 247, American Legion at Indiana U. Left to right: Tom Kutch, Jack Lowther, Jim Greek, Bob Tardif, and Bill Hughes. Tardif and Lowther are not from chapter.

His meetings for one day might run something like this: Omicron Delta Kappa, Lamb and Cross, SuKy, YMCA Cabinet.

Charlie has time for his social life—dates, parties, basketball and football games, bull sessions with his Sig Ep brothers, teas, sorority open houses and dinner invitations.

His studies mean a lot to him too, for he wants to go into graduate work in journalism or history after completion of his UK career. He has a cumulative scholastic average of 2.88 out of a perfect 3.0.

He has been elected to every honorary and leadership society that it is possible for him to make. Phi Beta Kappa had him tagged as a prospective member when he was selected as the only freshman guest for the honorary's 1946 banquet.

His activities roll on like Ol' Man River, it seems. He was a columnist and reporter on the *Kernel*, student newspaper. Once he served as editor of a special edition that urged students to get behind their football team in spite of its defeats. His editorial in this edition was reprinted by the sports editor of the *Lexington Herald*. As editor of the *Sig Ep Saga*, his fraternity newspaper, he saw his paper win the national award as best in the country. He was named in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Recently he was a candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship in Louisville, one of three men approved by the university to compete for this honor.

—from the *Cincinnati Times-Star*

★ ★ *Personal in the Tucson (Arizona) Sun: "Lost—Dental plate, near University. Pleathe return to Psi U house asth thoon asth pothible."*



Head table at Kansas Beta Annual Golden Heart Banquet, February 19. Left to right: Bernard Knowles, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Daughters, housemother; Alice Hammeke; John Clark, president; Vic Vanaman, Field Secretary; Helen Moore, dean of women; Ward Lee Clark.

★ PICK OF THE PARTIES ★



Bobbie Schulhoff, Dartmouth Sig Ep, Queen of the annual Winter Carnival

Dartmouth Winter Carnival

The famous Dartmouth Winter Carnival, held from February 10 through 13, saw the beginning of activities with the arrival of 33 girls, 27 of whom stayed at the house. That day also brought three alumni couples to spend the Carnival with us: Mr. and Mrs. "Pete" Fitzherbert, '36, the chaperons, Dr. and Mrs. Walt Chisholm, '44, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Power, '43. The Sig Ep snow sculpture was designed by Dick Payne and entitled "The Rum-Stirrer."

Thursday evening brought the very laughable production by The Players of *You Can't Take It With You* and the Dartmouth hockey triumph over McGill University. On Friday, the Slalom and Downhill ski races were held, both being won by Dartmouth. Following a cocktail party at the house, all attended the colorful Outdoor Evening, made all the more sparkling by the snappy cold. Then over to the magnificent concert by the Glee Club at Webster Hall.

Saturday was the busiest day, hockey against Princeton in the morning, the ski-jump in the afternoon, and basketball with Harvard in the evening; all three events were taken by Dartmouth. However, the Sig Ep activities reached their peak that evening when the entire house went to Moose Mountain Lodge for dinner and a long evening of dancing. Murray Sayer entertained all by a show of magic. The highlight of the evening came with the selection of the Sig Ep Queen. The judges were Pete Fitzherbert, Murray Sayer, and Miss Ada Grenier, the Sig



Bob Reis, Cal. Beta president, presents a Long-line watch to Jackie Teets, Queen of Hearts for 1949, while Peggy Prior, Lindy Blanc, Movie Star Edward Arnold, Randy Allen and Polly Fiel look on.

Ep's representative to the Carnival Queen's Court. All approved their choice: Bobbie Schulhoff of Skidmore, escorted by Paul Keetz.

Sunday morning, a milk-punch party at the house, brought to an end three tiring, but wonderful days.

Purdue's March of Dimes

Indiana Alpha, in January's "March of Dimes" campaign, helped to place Purdue fraternities in the campus lead for polio contributions.

The polio benefit dance that was held in the Union building's ballrooms from 9 to 12 P.M., Saturday, January 29, was largely promoted by chapter members. The dance was sponsored by Hugh Kellog, who brought his 16-piece band, to entertain. House saxophonist, Bob Schultz, Buzz Haeger, and Tom Cheatham were included soloists.

Mark Hodapp, the house master magician, provided intermission entertainment, and as "Hodo the Mysto" proceeded to offer a clever repertoire of card tricks.

House entertainment and decoration committeemen for the benefit dance included Warren Hardy, Howie Rudin, Dick Gregory, Phil Hadley, Dick Thompson, Kenneth Gretz, Emory



Persian Slave Dance at Illinois. The girls in the picture are all Theta U's and the fellas are all but one Illinois Alphans. Picture was taken at the Theta U house. Reading from left, top: Ilene Tressler; Bonnie DaVito; Fred Weik; Shirley Grady; Bill Brinker; Barb Johnson; Pat Kloska. Bottom row: Chet (not in the house); Bill Flostrom, Bob Dunn, Dale Friedag.

Thomas, John Dennis, Bob Samsen, John Redwine, Cliff Grassly, and Bob Lindsay.

When the final polio contributions had been counted, Senior Harry Redman, dance publicity director, announced that the benefit dance netted \$209.08 for the Tippecanoe, Ind., Infantile Paralysis drive.

Kellog, a sophomore in aeronautical engineering, hails from Erie, Pa., and was a member of Charlie Spivak's orchestra before coming to the University. Baritone saxophonist Buzz Haeger's musical background prior to college included playing with Les Brown, Alvino Ray, and Dick Jurgens.

—BOB COLEMAN



Feature of Dartmouth Winter Carnival was this sculpture, "The Rum-Stirrer," the work of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Dick Payne.

Sweetheart Ball

February 25, D.C. Alpha Chapter held its annual Sweetheart Ball in conjunction with the Silon Club of Maryland University.

The Ball was a gala affair attended by 150 to 200 couples. As the evening progressed, the big event came about midnight when, from a group of 7 candidates, Marion Ida Ross was selected and crowned Queen of Hearts and became the Sweetheart of 1949. Among the people present were representatives of each fraternity on the George Washington and the Maryland campuses. Also at the affair were representatives of two city newspapers and the G. W. newspaper *The Hatchet*.

After the closing of the ballroom at the Willard Hotel, where the affair was held, more than half the couples adjourned to the Sig Ep house where partying continued.

—WILLIAM H. ROSS

★ A GIRL OF THE GOLDEN HEART ★



Agnes Leachman, Oklahoma Beta's "Girl of the Golden Heart," and Jim Frazier, president, take time out at Golden Heart formal, to pose with her parents, Claude E. Leachman, Oklahoma Alpha, '21, and Mrs. Leachman.

Oklahoma's Agnes

"She couldn't be a Sig Ep legacy, but she has come as a girl can tonight!"

Those are the words of Claude E. Leachman, Oklahoma Alpha, '21, following traditional ceremonies in which his daughter, Agnes, was presented as Oklahoma Beta's 1949 "Girl of the Golden Heart." The presentation was made at the OU chapter's annual Golden Heart dance, February 12.

Agnes, a brunette Kappa Kappa Gamma pledge from Stillwater, was chosen to succeed Kathryn Copple, the 1948 sweetheart, after a whirlwind contest in which the men of the fraternity entertained entrants from each of the 12 OU sororities.

She was presented the huge perpetual loving cup, a sweetheart pin and a bouquet of American beauty roses by Jim Frazier, president, as the chapter serenaded with "Wonderful Sig Ep Girl."

Agnes, 5 feet 5½ inches with blue eyes, was graduated from Stillwater high school and attended Hockaday School for Girls, Dallas, before coming to OU.

And, to make the family circle complete, her uncle, Oakley T. Leachman, is an alumnus of Oklahoma Alpha, '23. Her mother and aunt were also Kappas at OU.

—FRANK E. HEASTON

★ UNDERGRADUATE BULLETINS ★

Arkansas

The Golden Heart Ball February 12 was held in the ballroom of the Student Union in the midst of the best decorations the Union has seen this year. Queen Ann Murdock, ZTA, daughter of Brother Fred H. Murdock of Tulsa, climaxed the evening when she stepped through the door in the huge Sig Ep heart to be presented a bouquet of American Beauty roses and a loving cup.

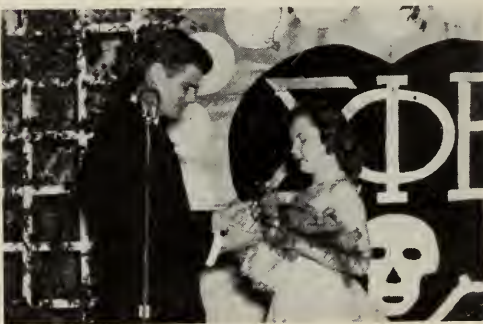
The manpower at Arkansas totals 38. Charles Sinclair was lost at midterm through graduation but was replaced by Don Gates, transfer from Denver. The list of 24 actives includes 6 men initiated the week of February 25: Willis F. Ward, who was model pledge, Albert Lee Fawcett, Oliver W. Gatchell, James West, John Gross, and Jack Crafton.

Arkansas men are getting into the act. President John E. Ferguson, Jr. was recently elected secretary of the Interfraternity Council, Bob Presnell is on three committees for Gaebale, Arkansas spring carnival. Neil Terrell has been appointed to produce a one-hour variety show on a state-wide radio network for the same carnival.

Two new initiates, John Gross and James West, put a Sig Ep monopoly on one of the University's four debate teams. They were runners-up in a recent regional forensic tournament.

On the scholarship side, Charles McIntosh, a new pledge, boasts a record of straight A's.

—HAROLD WATT



Arkansas Alpha president John Ferguson presents loving cup and roses to Queen Ann Murdock, daughter of Fred Murdock.

Baker

Four members suffered burns when a fire swept through the three floors of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house at Baldwin City, Kan., on March 2. Although all 30 residents of the destroyed house escaped injury, the four Sig Eps who did rescue work landed in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital at Lawrence, Kan.: Robert Grega, Robert Jennings (president), James Yeater, and Larry Noll. Grega and Noll were treated and released, while the burns of the others were somewhat more serious.—*from news clipping.*

A successful summer rush program under the direction of Rush Captain Joseph Allen resulted in pledging of 19 men to begin the school year. At the second semester further rush activities culminated with pledging of 10 new men to make the chapter membership total 29 pledges and 46 actives.

Five new men have been initiated this year—Roy Doleshal, Donald Johnson, Stanley Johnson, William Kitchen, and Elbert Corpeny.

Newly elected officers: Robert Jennings, president; Dale Goetschius, vice-president; William Hart, historian; James Yeater, secretary; and George Mansour, comptroller.

Major improvements made on the chapter house during the summer include refurnishing of the front room and music room with modernistic overstuffed furniture, installation of a new refrigerator in the kitchen, addition of venetian blinds in the front room and music room, and laying of a new rug in the music room. The interior of the house has been repainted by chapter members, and the floors have been sanded and polished. Improvements made in the house during the school term under the direction of House Manager Dudley Schulze include entire remodeling of the third floor bath, addition of a new front door, and other improvements.

The annual Sweetheart Ball was held December 10; the Sig Ep Sweetheart for the occasion, chosen by active chapter ballot, was Martha Kessler, Zeta Tau Alpha.

The pledge picnic, produced by the pledge class and also an annual affair, was held October 23. A 20-foot bonfire built by the pledges was the center of attraction. A skit was also delivered by the pledges.

Of major importance locally was a Christmas party given by the chapter for nearly twenty underprivileged Baldwin children. The party was complete with Santa Claus, Christmas tree, a penny hunt, and showing of motion picture cartoons. At the close of the party, the children were presented with gifts of candy and clothing.

Coming social events include our annual informal to be held March 11, the Golden Heart



Recent initiates of Colorado Alpha: front row (left to right): Fritchman, Fink, Ferguson, and Cummans. Back row (left to right): Thode, Gregor, Wisdom, Wilson, and Allen.

Ball May 21, and the stag night reunion June 4.

In varsity athletics, 10 men won varsity letters on the Wildcat football team. Five Sig Eps adorn the first 10 in varsity basketball. Five lettermen return in baseball and 5 also return in track.

Also, we are currently leading the intramural race. The softball team finished in a tie for second place under direction of Denzil Maple. We also finished high in volleyball as our A-team finished in second place after losing the playoff game to the Delts, and the B-team finished third in its respective league.

Our strongest showing thus far has been in basketball where the A-team is currently resting in a tie for second place. The B-team leads the league with 4 straight wins.

In other activities, James Lanning is sports editor of the *Baker Orange* and is also sports announcer on KBUB, local broadcasting station. Other members participating in KBUB productions are Robert Jennings, James Yeater, James Smith, and Ernest Anselmi. James Smith and James Yeater are active on the school debate team, Smith being one of an undefeated two-some in several tournaments. Tom Loe is a reporter for the *Orange*, and Bill Hart is an article writer for the *Wildcat*, annual. Don Johnson is a member of the Baker Singers.

Our housemother is Mrs. Mary Blackburn who has started her eleventh year as housemother.

—WILLIAM HART

Bucknell

With the spring season close at hand, the new Sig Ep house at Bucknell is the scene of much activity. The pledge class of 19 and the active membership of 22 are busy fixing up the house and grounds for the spring and summer.

Our first social activity for the semester is a dance and housewarming which has been planned for the first week in April. The last weekend in April has been set aside for the annual house-party weekend.

The house basketball team is rolling along

with a 500 average. Teams will also be entered in softball and track this spring.

Recent initiates: Harry Dinlocker, Herbert Hillman, and Robert Houskeeper.

February graduate, William Webb, received A.B. in commerce and finance *summa cum laude*.

—HERBERT S. WILCOX

California

Initiation ceremonies, planned for March, will make Sig Eps of Bob Baker, Bill Baugh, Lee Collier, Jim Frost, Norm Nuck, Steve McNally, Jim Monicle, Phil Morgan, Bill Thacker, Lauden Jessup, and Hugh Huddleston. A rushing program, limited by space available in the house, netted 6 pledges. Jack Johns, Texas Alpha, and Ken Barta, Nebraska Alpha, affiliated.

Officers: Tom Moore, president; Dick DeMattos, vice-president; Paul Bauman, secretary; Harry Casey, historian; Bob Fleckner, guard; Leroy Frame, senior marshal; Fred Peirson, junior marshal; and Ed Soule, comptroller.

House improvements: Study rooms received a face-lifting, each room being redecorated according to its occupant's tastes.

Scholastic: The active grade point average, based on fall semester grades, placed Sig Ep well up in the top 20 in the listing of the 40 odd campus fraternities. Bruce Hoffe, with a 2.4, Roger Thompson, Walt Davis, and Tom Moore brought home the best report cards.

Don Olson and Tom Moore have been initiated into Phi Phi, interfraternity honor organization.

Sports: Bills Wirth and Smith cavorted with the Cal Bear basketballers at forward. Don Monro is now one of the apples of Coach Clint Evans' eye. Don, a soph, holds down the short patch post on the baseball team. Bill Wirth contributes his left handed slants to the pitching staff and Hugh Huddleston is an outfield patrolman. Down on the estuary Roger Thompson, a two-year letterman, pulls a daily oar with the Olympic championship Bear crew. Freshmen Rolf Kuhn and Jim Frazier are with the Cub horsehidiers. Both are pitchers.

On the intramural scene the softball team again harbors hopes of winning the cup that escaped Sig Ep by one run last season. The basketball quintet, led by Russ Sayre, is still in the running.

Out of all this athletic prowess, some cups for the mantel ought to be forthcoming.

Social: An alumni-active chapter beer bust is set for the first clear spring day.

We began the spring term with a housemother, Mrs. Leigh Rodgers, the first at Cal Alpha and, it is believed, the first fraternity housemother on the California campus.

—HARRY CASEY

Colorado

January 23 initiates: William Charles Allen, Arvada, Colo.; John Edward Cummins, Boise, Idaho; William Franklin Ferguson, Great Falls, Mont.; James Elwood Fink, San Diego, Calif.; Lynn Fincent Fritchman, Boise, Idaho; Frank Kenneth Gregor, Lincolnwood, Ill.; Harold Francis Thode, Arvada, Colo.; Donald Duane Wisdom, Boise, Idaho; and Robert Clymer Wilson, Valentine, Neb. February 19 initiates: Kenneth Wayne Drager, Fort Collins, and Gale Irwin Brown, Longmont. It is interesting to note that the fathers of Allen, Fink, and Fritchman are alumni of this chapter. Our Outstanding Pledge Plaque was awarded to Robert Wilson.

We have members recently transferred here: John Beard, of Kansas Alpha, and Dale Brown, of Colorado Gamma.

We have 7 new pledges who were pledged during the latter part of fall quarter.

Among the 21 fraternities on the C. U. campus, Sig Ep ranks third in scholarship with 1.48. Our initiation requirement, a 1.2 average, is 0.2 point above the average required by other fraternities. Edward Babka, scholastic chairman, earned the highest average in the house, 2.72. Past President Tom Walker pulled down 2.71, highest in the Law School junior class.

The winter formal, the Queen of Hearts Ball, was held at the chapter house on February 12. The house was decorated in a manner that contrasted Heaven and Hell. The upstairs was decorated in red and white, with the decorations centered around the queen's throne. Individual valentines with appropriate inscriptions were presented to the members and their dates. The recreation room was decorated in a contrasting manner portraying the pitfalls of life and the consequences of Hell. Frances Peterson, an Alpha Chi Omega, was chosen Queen, the date of Phil Lehrman. The chaperons were Housemother Mrs. Elvira Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Stailey. Vic is the President of our Denver Alumni Board. The members of the dance committee were Dick Harrison, chairman, and Don Ratty and Dale Brown.

Our annual Founders' Day banquet was held February 19 at the house. We were honored by the presence of 30 of our alumni and several members of the Denver University chapter.

Louis Telk, member of our Denver Alumni Board, was recently transferred to Salt Lake City. He was replaced by Philip Serafini, '46.

—ED JOHNSON

Colorado State

Manpower: Pledges number 43; "courtesy" week is slated to begin March 3.

Installation of asphalt tile on the upper floor halls and in the chapter room is proceeding.

Honors: George Whitehead is a candidate for Honor Engineer. He is a Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity, of which Bob Masar, '49, is past president.

Roy Romer will represent the student body in a debate with members of the state legislature, state officials, and the president of the College, on the subject of school appropriations.

Willie Walker, a member of last year's Conference Championship wrestling team, represents the school again this year at 128. The team is thus far undefeated.

Kenneth Monfort, '50, is sports editor of the school paper and will serve under Brother Warren Breniman, editor.

Intramurals: We carried home a traveling trophy, in addition to a fat turkey, at the Stray Greek shoot.

Basketball and swimming teams continue undefeated in league play, while our last year's champion wrestling team has suffered one defeat.

—JOE PHELPS

Dartmouth

Recently graduated: Walter Kliebe, major in history and last year's chapter president, and Sidney Johnston, economics major and last semester's athletic manager. Dick Davis, '44, has been granted the status of an inactive for his last semester at graduate school. Jim Stevens succeeds him as treasurer which Dick had held for a year and a half.

Recently pledged: Ferguson Thiel, '51, St. Joseph, Mich.; Jack Pace, '51, Pensacola, Fla.; Parvim Gillim, '51, Owensboro, Ky.; and Ira Chorebanian, '51, Hollywood, Calif. The chapter total will be 40.

During this year's Dartmouth Winter Carnival, John Zillmer was in charge of winter sports and Dave Vogel was in charge of equipment.

Karl King, Jr., '25, of Highland Park, Ill., spent an evening here in January while visiting the College on official business. Also, Victor Smith, Jr., '45, and his wife dropped in while passing through Hanover on their honeymoon.

February 22 opened intramural volleyball competition. Our first game was a 2-1 loss of 15-10, 8-15, 9-15. The ping-pong tournament is scheduled to begin around the first of March.

On March 15, the chapter play, *A Question of Principle*, will be presented in the interfraternity play contest. The cast includes Charlie Hamilton, director, Jerry Staton, Alan Smith, Jim Pyons, Frank Johnson, and Alan Mitchell, with Ted Davidson as stage manager.

—ALAN D. SMITH

Davidson

North Carolina Epsilon has 40 actives and 7 pledges at midsemester. New initiates (January 31): Joe Brown, Belmont; Elton Cahow,

Fort Pierce, Fla.; Thomas Clark, Clarkton; Perry Daniels, Charlotte; Ramon Hart, Hickory; Henry Howe, Rock Hill, S.C.; Laughlin MacDonald, Raeford; Jimmy Miller, Clarkton; Jack Mills, Fort Mill, S.C.; and Clyde Taylor, Greensboro. Melvin Sipe returned to school at the beginning of the semester and Sam Burgess graduated. Newt Trammell has been elected Pledgemaster to succeed Pat Clark, who resigned.

Our house has been completely repainted on the inside and we have added several new items to the interior. Our new outstanding freshman plaque has been received and the award for 1948-49 goes to Henry Howe, Rock Hill, S.C.

Ed Hopper is sparking the Davidson Wildcats towards another Southern Conference basketball tournament. He has the best field goal percentage and turned in his best performance to date with 17 points in a win over Washington & Lee. Carlyle Charles has been outstanding for the Wildcat wrestlers and has turned in several important wins.

Our spring dance was held for March 19 at the Red Fez Club near Charlotte. Before the dance, the new officers were installed at a banquet. A breakfast followed. In interfraternity basketball, the best win to date was over the KAs when Jim Herndon poured 15 points through the hoops.

—BILL BOGART

Delaware

Elections (February 23): Joseph F. Baldwin, president; Wray S. Hushebeck, vice-president; Joseph A. Bradley, secretary; R. Alan Graves, historian; Spofford J. Beadle, comptroller; Harry R. Stringer, Jr., senior marshal; Glenn W. Wright, junior marshal; and Wayne Pollari, guard.

The Sig Ep basketball team, interfraternity champions of last year, got off to a slow start this year when they were defeated in their first court encounter of the year by the Kappa Alpha team. In the second and third games of the season, however, Sig Ep defeated Phi Kappa

Delaware Alpha's champ footballers, from left, front row: Diver, DiSabatino, Bradley, Holton. Middle: DeFiore, Baldwin. Back row: Huston, Chapman, and Sparks.



Alpha and Alpha Epsilon Pi. A bowling team under William H. Groetzinger has been formed. Bruce Warren and Glenn Wright, Pledges Richard Tyler, Charles Carr, Paul Kern and Louis Kenderline comprise the team.

An informal lecture by Dean of Men J. Fenton Daugherty in the chapter house one evening led to the formation of a scholarship committee headed by President Joe Baldwin. It is the aim of the committee to find the weak points and strong features of each individual associated with the fraternity so that he may be advised and guided in the most helpful and best way possible. Study hour rules are being put into effect and fines will be levied on those who disturb.

We have refinished an unused kitchenette off the living-room. The sink was removed and the room panelled in knotty pine, all accomplished by Paul DiSabatino, Herbert Zachow, Richard Heitmiller, Glenn Wright, and others.

Harry Stringer and Pledge Richard Tyler are responsible for most of the skits staged at our parties under the direction of social chairman Richard Heitmiller. —JACK HORTY

Denver

Initiated (November 21): Joseph Martin and Alfred Peister. Initiated February 6: Albert Akins, William Beaber, John Chapin, Charles Doughty, Robert Dutton, Robert Grisenti, Robert Helander, Donald James, Robert Lewis, David Cantrell, Edward Newman, William Romine, Albert Sibrell, and Albert Weber. Active members total 43; pledge group consists of 8, including 2 holdovers. The remainder of the class received pledging ceremonies February 7.

Officers: President-elect, Matthew McBride; Lyman Green, vice-president; George Valien, secretary; Donald Henke, historian; and Ray Tucker, comptroller.

It is hoped that occupancy of our new, modern, two-story, colonial type, brick home will occur by April 1. Dedication ceremonies will mark the completion.

Scholastic: James Herbert Crary, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crary, received the annual Clifford B. Scott key award. He maintained a 2.7 average during 1947-48, is a junior student majoring in electrical engineering.

In basketball, Pledges Gene Hines and Ken Caldwell pluckily engaged their opponents.

Ed Little, varsity cager on the Denver Pioneers 1948-49 team, has participated in the Skyline Six basketball conference race, tallying 14 points in a game with Colorado Aggies at Fort Collins.

The annual winter formal, a pledge dance, took place at the luxurious Coronado Club, in Denver; it featured the crowning of Beverly Tanner, Pi Beta Phi. Sorority pledge classes



Queen at Denver. The annual pledge dance featured crowning of Beverly Tanner (center, seated). Princess Ruth Carter (left) and Princess Muriel Davis were also honored. President Frank Newman does the honors.

nominated one girl to be represented and to be escorted by a Sig Ep pledge. Princess Ruth Carter, Delta Gamma, and Princess Muriel Davis, Alpha Xi Delta, were also honored. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Crary, Dr. and Mrs. William Smolenske, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Weaver, Dr. G. I. Lininger, his daughter Audrey, Mr. Duke Ewy, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. White.

—LYMAN F. GREEN, JR.

Duke

New officers (February 21): president, Bob DeVore (Ninety Six, S.C.); vice-president, Malcolm Magaw (Oregon, Ill.); secretary, Wesley Shirk (Philadelphia); comptroller, Walter Hudgins (Danville, Va.); historian, Jim Ware (Asheville). Elected at the same meeting were house-manager Walter Croy and corresponding secretary Dick Kelly.

Among social events being planned are cabin parties, stag parties, open houses, and the North Carolina Sigma Phi Epsilon Annual Ball which will be held in Raleigh with brothers and their dates from all five Carolina chapters attending on April 23. Duke chapter is in charge of publicity for this ball and Bill Elrod is chairman of the publicity committee. A North Carolina Sig Ep Queen will be selected from a group of candidates of four girls from each Carolina chapter.

Don McCullen, Vern Calloway, Art Christakos, and Walter Hudgins will appear in the Duke Players production of *Julius Caesar*. McCullen is stage manager.

Newly initiated upperclassmen are Horace Covington, Keith Glover, Walter Croy.

—MALCOLM MAGAW

Florida Alpha

Initiated (January, 13): Richard P. Angell; Raymond Gonzalez; George C. Kolias; Walter H. Maddox; C. Mastrogianakis; Richard A. Schneider, Allard C. Smith; John D. Thomas. Total actives, 67.

Pledge class is made up of 23 holdovers, and 15 new men. Pledge total, 38.

Ed Flory has replaced Howard Prince as yardmanager; Dick Schneider and George Kolias have been named social chairmen; Bob Martin was appointed corresponding secretary, Bill Blandford, made rush-chairman, and Jim Williamson and Jack Fortes were made co-editors of the soon-to-be-launched Florida Alpha newspaper.

Eight men from Florida Alpha traveled to Stetson University at DeLand, February 12 for installation of Florida Beta.

Hoke Johnson has been named parliamentarian of the Mortar and Pestle Club. Bill Herrin is a member of the varsity pocket, straight rail and 3 cushion billiard teams.

Pledgemaster Dave Hendon and Yardmanagers Flory and Schneider have had pledges landscaping back yard. B. T. Cooksey ably led pledges in painting inside of house.

—JACK FORTES

George Washington

Initiates (February 13): Lewis C. Cassidy, Francis M. Coffey, and Albert F. Davis.

Chuck Coffin was elected vice-president in December following resignation of Loy Brodie.

James C. King, chapter secretary and a senior in foreign languages, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa in February. At the time of his initiation, he held a point index for 105 credit hours of 3.95.

T. Arthur Smith served as a chairman on the George Washington University Inaugural Float project. Ours was the first University ever to have a float entered in a Presidential Inaugural Parade.

On February 19, 1949, four of the brothers of our chapter were among a group of G. W. fellows that were entertained by 23 girls from Christian College (Mo.). These girls, who were on a tour of the East, had a short stay in the Capitol City at the Statler Hotel.

—WILLIAM H. ROSS

Georgia Tech

Following initiation February 5, Georgia Alpha had a total membership of 44; 36 actives, 8 pledges. Recently initiates: Bob Lusk, Dave Spriggs, Derwood Flanagan, L. G. Bryant, Roy Simon, Gordon Albury, Joe Burton, Bill Hoyer, Paul Perfect, E. V. Clarke, and Joe Peacock.

New officers: President, Allen H. Smith, architectural senior from Jacksonville, Fla.; vice-president, Dan Braddach, of Streator, Ill., a first-string varsity tackle; secretary and treasurer, Alan Sellers and Harold Reed.

In varsity basketball Colin Anderson and Melvin Dold are members of the Jacket starting five.

The intramural basketball team has scored an average of 66 points per game as against 23 points per game for opponents. Derwood Flanagan, Bob Lusk and Joe E. Brown take scoring honors.

—WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH

Illinois

The social calendar featured two dances, one a Persian Slave Market Dance and the other the annual Casino. The house was completely covered on the inside with crepe paper, for the Casino, designed to give the effect of a nightclub. Music was presented by Kenny Sod and his Shoreliners from Chicago.

For the Persian dance, the house was decorated as an Arabian tent. Fellas and gals came in turbans, pantaloons, and veils.

Affiliates from other schools: from Temple comes Bill Forr, our dietitian. From Monmouth College comes Wayne Brodd, while Jack Silbergeld hails from New Mexico Alpha, and Art Fitzner from Oklahoma Gamma.

—WILLIAM FLOSTROM

Illinois Tech

Gilbert Fischbach, Bill Mitchel, Meade, Hanger, and Donald McKee were initiated December 10. Nine men were initiated February 25. Wayne Andareise, James Biagi, Arthur Huck, Guenther Joseph, Raymond Maddalozzo, Donald Sanders, George Wendel, Fred Sanders, and Wayne Wiechmann.

At elections held in January, Paul Tietz was elected president, Edward Finnegan, vice-president; William Nugent, historian; Donald McKee, assistant comptroller; and John Mellon comptroller.

John F. Clancy, E.E., Jack Russell, E.E., and Richard Keefe, M.E., received their degrees January 29.

Past President John Anderson was in charge of rushing for the spring semester.

A Valentine party was held February 12 and a rushing stag and intrahouse dance were held on March 4 and 5. The intrahouse dance is sponsored by all six fraternities housed in Brown Hall. On March 26 an interfraternity formal, sponsored by the I.F.C., was held in the Louis XV Room of the Sherman Hotel.

—WILLIAM NUGENT



President Linn Sites, Iowa Beta, presents inscribed loving cup to Joan Armann, 1949 Sweetheart, as Pin-mate Bokram watches.

Indiana

New initiates (February 20): Charles Gunnoe, Richard Vogt, Howard Larson, Richard Hagy, J. C. Duncan, J. D. Schlatter, James Greek, Fred Vorsanger, Richard Kilborn, Charles Abell, Robert Magley, Phil Sisson and Ron Mangan.

Jewell Rogers and Tom Kutch were selected for Sphinx (upperclassmen honorary); Charles McClure was accepted into the Falcon Club (junior honorary). Lloyd Hill was elected president of Mu Delta (pre-medical honorary). Tom King was chosen president of Alpha Phi Omega (scout honorary). Jewell Rogers was recently initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi (business professional honorary).

During the Christmas vacation the dining-room was plastered, and in the past two weeks the room has been painted. Within a month new specially made chairs are to arrive, and with this addition to our cherished house, exchange dinners will start. We have been sacrificing a great deal socially for the past two years, but now our house is getting in a condition in which we can entertain.

—TOM KUTCH

Iowa

Manpower: 50 actives, 42 of whom live in the house and annex. Eleven pledges live in the house and 6 out. Six men have been pledged since the last report. New initiates: Robert Bednasek, Clyde Anderson, and Richard Walker, December 12; and Paul Rhodes, Joe Smith, George Flick, Derrold Foster, and Jack Foster, January 23. Jack Scanlon has returned after a year's absence.

Our rumpus room is now completely finished, there is new carpeting on the stairs and new

upholstering on four lounges in plastic leatherette. A new rug for our north lounge has been ordered.

Several Gammans are figuring in the SUI sports picture. On the varsity track team are Ray McCreery, Don Martin, and Glenn Whittle. Richard Walker is out for baseball, Larry Willimack for spring football. Larry returned to our chapter a year ago after a year at the U. S. Naval Academy where he lettered as a plebe. Miles Benda is working out with Iowa's stellar wrestling squad but cannot yet compete in varsity competition since he is not eligible until he has spent a year at Iowa after transferring here last fall.

In intramural sports, both heavyweights and lightweights finished only fair basketball seasons, winding up out of the running.

—LES WEBER

Iowa State

Current manpower stands at 75, of whom 54 are actives and 21 pledges. New initiates: Thomas Huston, Willis Shaner, Dale Kelley, Harlan Platte, Hjalmar Sandberg, Hart Williamson, James Knight, and Jack Stienback.

Currently in campus activities: Don Roos, general chairman of the Veishea Open House activities for the Agricultural Division; Willis Shaner, senior civil engineering representative to Engineering Council; Jim Graham, art editor of the *Ames Forester*, Robert Lamb, general chairman of the Engineers' Ball and senior chemical engineering representative to Engineering Council; Dick Von Berg, vice-president of the Pep Council and Veishea Open House chairman for the General Engineering department; Robert Huber, president of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, making the third Sig Ep in a row to hold such an office; Robert Orman, decorations committeeman for the Engineers' Ball; Robert Norrish, secretary and treasurer of the Veishea Horse Show; while Stan King, Sanford Wilson, and Bruce Yungclas have been pledged and initiated into Alpha Zeta, national agricultural honorary.

Three Sig Ep ping pong teams were placed in class A competition only to lose two of the teams in the quarter finals and the other in the semi-finals. Our lone surviving basketball team is now vying for honors in the finals of class B competition.

The annual Sig Ep "Sweetheart Ball" was held this quarter in the chapter house. Climaxing the entertainment for the evening was the crowning of the 1949 "Sig Ep Sweetheart," Joan Armann, Kappa Delta. As a memorandum of the occasion, President Linn Sites presented "Jo" with a loving cup inscribed with the words, "Sig Ep Sweetheart, 1949."

—JIM GRAHAM

Johns Hopkins

Maryland Alpha finished a rushing season under the guidance of Bill Dempster by taking in 25 men. Since most of these are fresh from high school, a training period with gentle hazing was instituted under the direction of Bill Drenning and Jack Lemon. With the advent of the pledges came a change in the look of the house with every alteration from a new doorbell to a new kitchen floor.

The house at 3025 Saint Paul St. in Baltimore is stuffed full with members occupying the sleeping space. Since there are only eight allowed to room in the house, there is a waiting list. Instituted also was a five-day meal plan which was discontinued some years ago. The out-of-town members enjoy the meals of a colored cook five days a week and get ulcers the other two.

The recent Winter Formal at the Hotel Stafford in Baltimore was well attended. A feature of the evening was a set of six short plays presented by the freshmen and highlighted by the presentation of a vacuum cleaner as a gift to the chapter.

Sig Eps active on campus were Gordon Rhodes, president of the Musical Club, who was elected to appear in *Who's Who in American Colleges* as well as *Who's Who Among the Greek Fraternities*; Bill Hevell, managing editor of the official University weekly; Charlie Shekels who rates A-1 on the fencing team; Gordon Service, Bill Nichols, Fran Dewberry who held the line during football season; Walt Doeller and Walt Lapinski who held down positions on the wrestling team; and Jack Lauber and Bill Edmonston who raced cross country.

Joe Castellano, sophomore pre-med, Brooklyn boy who was a holdover pledge from last year, was initiated on January 19.

Hank Jones, junior, has been accepted as a student at the University of Maryland Medical School.

Actives during the term numbered 63.

—G. GABRIEL GUIDO

Kansas

New officers will take over February 28: president, Eugene Ryan; vice-president, Robert Bell; comptroller, Eugene Bullinger; historian, Donald Glasco; and secretary, Charles Haverty.

Initiation was held February 20 for 28 men. This brings our total active membership to 109 actives and 14 pledges. The new initiates: Robert Powers, Arnold Stricker, Randall Barron, Morgan Johnson, Charles Benscheidt, Boyd Burns, Richard Bertuzzi, James Carby, Darrell Wright, Carl Sandefur, Melvin Larson, William Snook, Herbert Rettig, James Younts, Harry Newby, William Franke, Patrick James, Dwight Boring, Alvin Haverty, James Reynolds, Scott

Phillips, Harold Wilkie, Carl Ellis, Warren Baker, William Turner, John Whealen, Zack Farha, Michael Maturo.

Graduates at the close of the past semester: Ralph Ufford, Robert Cauble, and Arthur Catlett.

In intramurals, Randall Barron and Robert Mathers won division championships in their respective divisions and both reached the quarter-finals in the all-school playoffs. Don Johnson won his division championship in handball and reached the semi-finals in the playoffs before being defeated. In basketball, the A team won the division championship but was defeated in the first game of the playoffs. The B team took second in its division, won the first game in the playoffs, and was defeated in the quarter-finals.

—ALAN V. DOUGHERTY

Kansas State

Porter Sigler was initiated on January 16. Since the last report to the JOURNAL, Kansas Beta has pledged 6 men. New officers (February 23): president, Jack Sampson; vice-president, William Harper; historian, Robert Brookover; secretary, Donald Reinhardt; guard, William Bridgewater; senior marshal, Robert Harrar; junior marshal, David Vanhaverbeke. Harrison Brookover remains chapter comptroller.

Norman Held was awarded the Clifford B. Scott Key for the highest scholastic average for the past year.

In intramural sports Kansas Betas' basketball team won the fraternity championship, and went on to defeat the independent champs for all-school honors. Volleyball competition has begun.

—BERNARD A. WILLIAMS



Editor Karl Christ, and president Jack Wayman show Dream Girl Joanne Graham (KD), the Benjamin Hobson Frayser Award which the Kentucky publication, *Sig Ep Saga*, has won for the second straight year.

Kentucky

Manpower: 62 actives. February 20 initiates: Paul Scott, Lexington; Dean Wilson, Corbin; Hank Schimpeler, Louisville; Neal Howard, Pineville; Bill White, Sturgis; Felix Martin, Greenville; Clyde Spears, Belle, W.Va.; and Bill O'Bannon, College Station, Tex. We have 23 new pledges and 3 holdovers.

Jim Line, Akron, Ohio, and Bob Wharton, Parkersburg, W.Va., elected Omicron Delta Kappa, senior men's honorary. Charles Whaley, Williamstown, has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Lamp and Cross, senior men's leadership fraternity. He is also the editor of the *Kentuckian*, yearbook.

Jim Stone and Davis Fields, both of Louisville, were selected for Sigma Pi Sigma, physics honorary. Stone is vice-president of the campus chapter of the American Society for Metals, and was tapped for Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary. Fields is executive officer of Pershing Rifles.

Our intramural football team finished the season with five wins and two defeats, the second loss being to the ATOs in the playoffs. Named on the all-star team were linemen Jack Bailey, Henderson, and Howard Morgan, Louisville, and back Woody Fritts, Mount Sterling. Sig Ep lost out to the Phi Sig netters in the semi-finals of the volleyball tournament.

The Kentucky Alpha Wives and Mothers Club held a benefit bridge tournament at the chapter house recently, and raffled off a ham during the evening. The beneficiary was the new piano fund.

Principal parties during rush week were several buffet suppers at the house, a stag smoker at the newly-built Rock House, and a dance at the Joyland Casino. During the intermission of this dance, president Jack Wayman presented Karl Christ a fur-lined chamber pot as a consolation prize for placing third in the "Ugliest Man on the Campus" contest.

—BILL VOORHES

Lawrence

Wisconsin Alpha has 46 actives and 24 pledges.

New officers (January 17): Cal Chamberlin, president; Don Churchill, vice-president; Jack Meloney, secretary; Bob Parker, comptroller; Bob Frederick, historian; and Ralph Meyer, steward.

At the semester, the chapter was second scholastically among the fraternities on campus.

"Lassie," the newly acquired cocker spaniel mascot, presented us with 7 thoroughbred pups.

Dick Flicker is vice-president of the student body; Bob Wood is president of Mace, the local men's honorary fraternity; Bill Beringer, Jerry Papke, and Allen Mink are all mainstays

on the college debate squad; Don Brown and Ted Losby are freshman representatives to the Student Executive Committee; Tom Steinecker is chairman of the college ski club; Bob Beutow won a first place in all-school competition in wrestling; Chuck VandeZande is on the wrestling team; and George Coleman swims in free style events for the college swimming team.

Wallace Schmidt recently was heard over a Milwaukee radio station, while Bob Dietz gave his senior recital during February. Both are piano majors.

On February 7, the actives held a smoker for the alumni, who are able to keep up with our activities through *Snorts*, a bulletin written expressly for them by the active chapter. Bob Wood is editor.

At the beginning of February, Dave Weber transferred to the University of Southern California, and Elmer Inman has left for Occidental College.

A very successful winter formal was held on January 22, with Tom Steinecker and Bill Bick as chairmen. Plans are being made by Social Chairman Spence Potter for the traditional and popular Sig Epsilon, March 19, and for the spring formal on May 7.

—BOB FREDERICK

Maine

Pledged: Herbert H. Kenworthy, Jr., former baseball, basketball, and football star at Vermont Academy.

Victories: Maine Alpha's athletes carried on in true Sig Ep style by turning out winning teams in both intramural basketball and bowling.

Keith Fowles' brilliant performance as master of ceremonies was one of the highlights of the Winter Carnival at the University of Maine.

—OSCAR S. WHALEN

Marshall

January 9, of the 22 men pledged last fall 20 were initiated: Charles J. Ballard, William B. Byron, Max Clay, Ezra H. Cochran, Ray L. Colon, Dorian T. Cook, Elmer Price Costello, George Jewell, Roger Johnson, Nick Komons, Lawrence Logsdon, Wallace T. Marlowe, John Natale, Hubert A. Neely, Richard W. Newman, William O'Connell, Lester D. Richard, William A. Sharrett, Jr., John E. Stefaney, and Donald P. Young.

Vice-president Charles Kidwell was graduated in February, and Dorian T. Cook was chosen to serve the remaining term.

On February 15, a meeting of active members and alumni was held for the purpose of forming a West Virginia Gamma Alumni Corporation. Board members are Lester C. Brailey, dean of men at Marshall, Rene Pino, faculty



"Boo Boo the Boogerman," by Sig Eps, was major attraction at Winter Carnival at Maine.

advisor, Charles Brooks, Paul Carden, and Don Morris. District Governor Richard Pharr was present. Arch Keller also attended the alumni meeting.

—BOB MEANS

Massachusetts

Actives now total 50, with several pledges awaiting initiation. We're pushing for 75 actives on the campus. The big news with Massachusetts Alpha is the housing news. After a 5 months' search we have located a house suitable for our needs. The housing committee is now gathering together all the necessary information concerning the terms of sale and necessary improvements. Frank Ruck, Jr., Assistant to the Grand Secretary, was with us for a few days and gave us a great deal of valuable assistance.

In a recent meeting with the Alumni Board of Directors we reviewed our activities of the first semester, including the work of the housing committee.

The Sig Ep serenaders are continuing practice sessions and hope to win the interfraternity sing.

Clark Kendall and Bob Leavitt were re-elected to the student senate. Bob was president of the senate, and Clark was chairman of the election committee during the last semester.

Our social committee planned two dances in March.

We have a perfect record in the intramural basketball league: Won 0 and lost 8. However, we shall soon have more time for this field.

All of the Massachusetts Alpha men passed mid-year exams.

—WALT CAHILL

Miami

February 19, Ohio Eta initiated 8 men: Joseph R. Broz, Jerrald C. Catterall, Glenn L. Davis, Rupert H. Loyd, Norman E. Pentz, Eugene R. Price, Robert A. Stastny, and Ronald A. Swartz. Our manpower roster stands at 39.

Miami's rushing period began February 25. We plan to pledge about 20 men, to roughly center our membership on the comfortable number of 50.

The fraternity scholastic standing approaches a solid "B" average footing and the scholastic chairman reckons an improved record in the future. Eight of the members have their names on the Dean's List.

—EDSON HOFFMANN

Michigan

February 12 initiates: Walker Alexander, David Campbell, Dennis Heenan, Charles Heil, Howard Low, and Richard Nissley.

Michigan Alpha ranked 13th in scholarship for 1947-48 out of approximately 35 social fraternities. Dick Park was awarded the Scott scholarship key with a record of all A's. Howard Low was given the Pledge Scholarship Plaque.

In intramural sports, our bowling and paddleball teams are undefeated to date and our A and B basketball teams are both in the final playoffs.

J-Hop weekend, February 4 and 5, saw our dates move into the house (we moved out). On Friday night, February 4 we danced to the music of Charlie Spivak and Elliot Lawrence and returned to the house for a special breakfast. The following Saturday afternoon featured skating, skiing, and tobogganing in the Arboretum.

—FRED J. AUCK, JR.

Middlebury

Initiated February 20: George Boublik, Durham, Conn.; Hilario Sierra, Barre; Charles Bond, Honolulu, Hawaii; Corwin Elwell, Bennington; Marshall Figgatt, New York City; Douglas Webb, Newmarket, N.H.; Charles Mutii, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.; David White, Blairtown, N.J.; Wilmont Smith, Buffalo, N.Y.; Richard Attwill, Lynn, Mass.; Clayton Butzer, Buffalo, N.Y.; Henry Draghi, Nutley, N.J.; James Hutchinson, Glens Falls, N.Y.; Robert Woodbury, Beverly Farms, Mass.; William Kirby, Rutland; Fred Lake, Boston, Mass.; Richard Macnair, Cambridge, Mass.; Alfred Moody, Manchester, N.H.; David Paulson, Groton, Mass.; Charles Ratte, Brattleboro; Harvey Root, Huntley, N.J.; Raymond Ablondi, Fitchburg, Mass.

January 17, Vice-president Bruce Guillan was installed as president to replace Bob Harris who was graduated in February. Renton Bond was elected Social Chairman to replace Charles Pope who resigned.

February 1, a new radio-victrola combination was installed.

This spring the house will be painted.

Over Christmas vacation Jack Valentine and Capt. Don Henderson accompanied the ski team to Aspen, Colo., winning the Intercollegiate Ski meet.

—GORDON R. BRITTON

Mississippi

New officers: president, William Hinton; vice-president, Lee Cameron; secretary, Harlan Grafton; comptroller, Conner Miller; historian, Charles Adams.

Initiated February 19: William Loftis, Erwin Sayles, and Edgar Timmons. New pledge: William O'Donnell.

Jack Odom, two letter man, member of the Rebel football squad, is a candidate for the presidency of the Associated Student Body.

The Annual Queen of Hearts Ball was held March 19. The Sig Ep Sweetheart will be announced.

We received two skins this year, one from Mississippi Beta, and the other from Florida Beta.

—CHARLIE ADAMS

Missouri Mines

The chapter has 41 actives and 9 pledges. Initiated (February 6): Don Matson, Charles Heeger, Bob Kraus, Michael Rodolakis, Edward Kibler, David Will, Bob McLeane, Roger Lohrman, William Amend, Harold Taylor, David Irwin, John Lynch, and Jack Weiss.

New officers: Dick Roerman, president; Paul Manacchio, vice-president; Jack Stephens, comptroller; Bob Flore, historian; Graydon East, secretary; John McClinton, guard; Albert



President Dick Roerman at Missouri Mines crowns Audrey Van Luik Sweetheart at Sweetheart dance as "maid of beauty" looks on.

Danz, senior marshal; and James Ficken, junior marshal.

The bookcase dedicated to the memory of Marshall Stone, killed while working in Oregon last summer, is finished. On the top shelf sits the Marshall Stone Memorial plaque and the chapter's three scholastic trophies. John McClinton did most of the work on the bookcase.

Ex-president Ralph Schowalter, a graduate in January, is here at Mines as instructor of mechanical engineering, while working for his master's.

The second annual Sweetheart Dance, staged by Gene Sanders, saw Audrey Van Luik crowned Sweetheart for 1949. She is engaged to Jack Stephens. The Maid of Love was Kay Kearby, the Maid of Beauty, Margaret Mitchell. Music was furnished by Jack Heim and his band.

Our basketball team finished the season with 5 wins and 13 losses. However, the handball team has won every game thus far.

—BOB FLORE

Monmouth

Seven new pledges bring the total to 38. Bob Sieving was elected historian to replace Bob Sympong who found the office too time-consuming. Donald McKinley replaced Donald Morgan as house manager when Morgan withdrew from school.

Bob Feeheley won the intramural handball crown for the third straight year, taking all competition in stride. Bob is former Y.M.C.A. champ for the State of Michigan.

Burney Wickstrom, vice-president of the student body, left at the end of the semester creating a vacancy for the office. At a special campus election Harold Poling, chapter vice-



At Monmouth Hanson, Kooy, Behrens, and Anderson admire gorgeous *Esquire* girls.

president, was elected by a majority to take that position in the student body.

Chapter President Joseph J. McGuire was selected for the male lead in *Pygmalion*, production of *Crimson Masque*.

—ROBERT W. SIEVING

Montana

Montana Alpha added 15 new actives January 9: Francis D. Martin, Douglas E. Dean, David L. Dean, Eugene Jurovich, Duane E. Smith, Robert L. Holton, Thomas P. Thompson, Lane D. Justus, Lawrence W. Burlingame, Vernard C. Anderson, Douglas E. Wilkerson, Harold Boyd, Robert A. Bedard, Richard C. Lucas, Fred A. Lombardi.

Nine new men were pledged at rushing parties January 6 and 7: Marion Brechbill, Charles Olson, Al Schuff, Jack Tirrel, C. W. Wordal, Richard Mann, Robert Nogler, Michael Freiman.

Muhlenberg

Fifteen new initiates bolster active strength to 30 actives and 24 pledges.

The number living in was reduced to 15 at the conclusion of the first semester, but was raised to full strength by the addition of 3 freshman pledges: Robert Morris, Anthony Schiavone, and George W. Pike, III.

Robert Scheipe's basketballers continue with their undefeated season.

Since the Junior Prom March 11 is featuring Tommy Dorsey, the house is going out to make this the biggest, most lavish, weekend of the school year. On the weekend of February 12, all actives and pledges volunteered their time in painting the rooms of the house and putting a game room into the basement.

Individual achievement: Irvin Fry was elected president, and Herman Michels was

elected vice-president of the junior class, at a recent class meeting, while Joseph Ellwood captured the vice-presidency of the senior class.

—ROBERT NAGEL

Nebraska

Nebraska Alpha won the 1949 intramural indoor track championship through Lee Alexander, Wendy Cole, Doug Freeman, and Ken Brooker and others.

Doing this, the Sig Eps smashed four standing intramural records. They were: Alexander, 60-yard dash and one-lap run; Cole, two-lap run; Freeman and Brooker then teamed with Alexander and Cole to break the mile relay record.

—AUSTIN BURCH

New Mexico

Initiated February 27: Robert Fortier, Jack Ermantinger, Chicago; Richard Graham, Silver City, N.M.; Larry Sensiba, Los Angeles; Roderick Phibbs, Winnetka, Ill.; James Parsons, Kenilworth, Ill.; David Hagues, Utica, N.Y.; Harry Baldwin, Bartlesville, Okla., and one honorary member, E. L. Alford, Albuquerque. Four men were pledged on February 20.

The chapter house was renovated during "work week" in February, and a volleyball court constructed in back of the house.

Our \$1,000 rehabilitation loan has been paid off, and our dream of an "L" addition to the house is speeding toward reality.

Beverly Washburn, who won our scholarship key last year, came through again last semester with 15 hours of A.

Committees have been appointed for the

New actives at Montana: Top row, left to right: Robert Holton, Richard Lucas, Francis Martin, Thomas Thompson, and Harold Boyd. Second row: Douglas Wilkerson, Vernard Anderson, Douglas Dean, David Dean. Front row: Duane Smith, Lane Justus, Gene Jurovich, and Larry Burlingame.





Bill Schofield and the fall of 1948 pledge class at NYU pose with heart made by pledges.

District XV convention to be held here in Albuquerque in mid-April.

Plans have been made for our spring formal, the "Dance of the Hearts," to be held in the Hilton Hotel on April 23. We intend to crown a "Queen of the Hearts."

—GLENN L. ROSS

N.Y.U.

The second rush of the fall semester was held October 25. Robert W. Kelly, Junior Grand Marshal, was the speaker. It was attended by 50 rushees. The pledge night was November 17. Nine pledges successfully completed their pledge period and were initiated February 15: Paul J. Montalbano, J. Richard Mullaly, Frank M. Smith, Edward W. Randel, Dominick J. Cerrato, George E. Price, William H. Smith, Joseph J. Cavataio and Arthur H. Hueppi. George Price has renamed hell week the "Grand Crescendo" of the pledge period. After the formal initiation a welcome party was held and Dom Cerrato's mother baked a cake which displayed the Sig Ep heart complete with the Greek letters, skull and bones.

Jim Bensinger has been appointed rush chairman and Jim Morrison is new co-chairman of the House Committee, with Don Estrup succeeding Karl Schneider. Bensinger was elected the Most Outstanding Freshman for the year 1947-48.

The Violet Skull held its Annual Formal at the Hotel Statler February 11.

Bob Larsen, our piano player, has been getting the brothers to learn all the Sig Ep and N.Y.U. songs. John MacCormick and Don Estrup join in with their harmonicas for musical accompaniment.

Joe Krieser is busy with preparations for the Sig Ep Formal to be held early in April.

George Wolf is making a film about a college student in a metropolis such as New York. George is also planning a pledge training film in conjunction with Gene Wurster and Bob Larsen, pledge supervisor.

Karl Schneider is student teaching chemistry

in Forest Hills High School and Bill Wood is student teaching history in Newtown High School.

Don Estrup lost his fraternity pin last year in North Carolina and at the regular chapter meeting of February 7, Bill Scholfield read a letter from Bill Head, a Sig Ep from North Carolina State College, stating that he found Don's pin.

Bob Leuning, former chapter president, is now working for the Balfour Company as their New York agent.

—BILL WOOD

North Carolina

February 11 and 12 Tommy Dorsey was on campus to play for the Mid Winter's sponsored by the German Club. Following each dance, an open house was held at the fraternity house.

Final plans are being made for the Sig Ep Ball which is to be held in Raleigh on April 23.

On March 26, right after spring holidays, the pledge dance will be held, preceded by a banquet. Sponsoring the dance will be the dates of the pledge class officers. Officers include Jim Merritt, president, John Brockmann, vice-president, Douglas Carter, secretary, and George Webb, sergeant at arms.

Active strength of N.C. Delta is 30. Added to this are 24 pledges, 4 of whom have just recently been pledged.

On February 26 at a founders' day program Chancellor R. B. House addressed the fraternity and its alumni and guests. Alumni present included Hearne Swink, Carlton Pitman, J. S. Massenburg (three of the original founders of N.C. Delta) and many others.

A complete dining hall for the chapter is planned.

A committee of pledges searched back into the past school annuals and found pictures of all our alumni, had the pictures rephotographed, and framed them. Pledge John Weaver of Statesville was chairman of the committee and it is largely due to his personal efforts that pictures, by classes, of all the North Carolina Delta alumni now hang in our front chapter room.

February 24 the brothers from Wake Forest Zeta brought their fraternity basketball team to Chapel Hill and played N.C. Delta, to win 63 to 45.

The chapter has established a Percy Craven Weeks Memorial award.

—P. MCNEER DILLON, JR.

N. C. State

Manpower: 42 pledges, largest class on campus.

Parents' Day was held Thanksgiving weekend. We entertained with a banquet, followed by the varsity football game with Villanova.

Our most gala weekend centered around our annual I.F.C. dance set, Pledge Dances. Our 42 pledges jammed the house. Friday night after the first dance, several pledges entertained the 100 of us with impromptu capers. Saturday afternoon, radio Station WSPE was granted broadcast rights by the customs committee, and the staff composed of Bob Currin, Ben Mullen, Wilbur Turrentine, Grover McNair, Zeke Barnes, and Roger Scovill, put on 3 hours of "broadcasting"—a television-FM broadcast complete with commercials, magicians, hypnotists, song-birds, and real-life drama. The Black and White formal dance climaxed the Saturday of gayety.

December 16, we gave Christmas presents to 20 orphans at a local orphans home. Toys and clothing were donated. Tommy Lauten was in charge of "Operation Santa Claus."

December 7 initiation: Troy William Woodard, Wilson; Joseph Benjamin Rawls, Winston-Salem; Wilbur Clinton Turrentine, Winston-Salem; George Carter Connor, Jr., High Point; Frank Lawrence Rapp, Upper Darby, Pa.; Richard David Dillender, Jr., North Augusta, S.C.

Our football team ended in fourth place. Our volleyball team took second place in the championship playoff.

President Floyd N. Blackwell has been elected to Blue Key. Irving Gower, assistant pledgemaster, is on the junior-senior dance committee.

—CHARLES H. BONEY

Norwich

Manpower: 86 actives and pledges. Recently initiated: John Magnus, Edward Griffiths (November 11, 1948); Charles Johnson, William Barclay, Vincent Sassone (December 7, 1948);

Edgar Harrington, William Bidgood (February 21, 1949). On February 13, 1949, we pledged 18.

Officers elected: president, Allan Merritt; vice-president, Melvin Damon; secretary, William Lea; historian, Marcelino Lavin; house-manager, Albert Chiancone. Robert Forger remains as comptroller.

Athletics: On the Norwich varsity squads, we have four out of five on the starting basketball quintet with Sig Ep's Gerald Bovee the high scorer and James Seivwright as co-captain, while the hockey team captained by our Dave Lamson boasts seven of us. Intramurally, we finished in a two-way tie in touch football and are at present in second place in basketball.

Socially: Sig Ep house parties paved the way for a successful Norwich Winter Carnival.

Graduates in January include Mitchell Esoian, Walter Sonnenberg, and Jack Ahearn.

—MARCELINO LAVIN

Ohio Northern

Manpower: actives, 35; pledges, 17.

Newly elected officers: president, Eldon Nonnamaker, pre-med, Rawson; vice-president, Gene Graber, pre-med, Plain City; secretary, Jim Harvey, pharmacy, Akron; historian, Eugene Kreidler, engineering, Warren; senior marshal, Duane K. Billingham, pharmacy, Elyria; junior marshal, Sterling Ault, engineering, Elyria; guide, Donald Alspach, pharmacy, Fredericktown; guard, George Mongine, pharmacy, Lowellville.

Ohio Alpha's basketball team finished second from last.

Annual winter formal, January 15, at the house, was a hunting lodge party "in the north woods." The entrance, reception room, and ballroom (dining room) were decorated



Largest pledge class on campus . . . Sig Ep at North Carolina State.



Panhellenic concession stand at Ohio State Kobblestone Kapers street dance. Operating the stand, from left: Alpha Xi Jo Trout, Sig Ep Bill Heim, Alpha Xi Nancy Ruff, and Sig Ep Kenny Leonard. Customers are Jean Nibart and Sig Ep Howard Mouery.

with snow and evergreens. A simulated entrance to a log cabin was built at the entrance to the den and within the den, tapestries, Indian blankets, and stuffed animal heads were mounted on the wall with a blazing fire in the fireplace. Approximately 50 couples were present, and music was furnished by Verne Walters and his orchestra from Bowling Green.

Around 28 of us journeyed to Ohio Gamma's formal dance at Ohio State February 11.

—C. EUGENE KREITLER

Ohio State

Lloyd Williams, chapter vice-president and house manager, rated an A-plus from the Dean of Men for individual house appearance. "The award," says Brother Williams, "was all the more surprising for its unexpectedness: no one knew that the house had even been inspected."

After winning the expensive Strollers' plaque for ticket sales four quarters in a row, the house lost it last fall to Tau Kappa Epsilon. Lew Smith was chairman of ticket sales.

Ohio Gamma's raffle of three Emerson combination radios—to get money for the payment of a fine incurred by several brothers in their recent door painting raid against Ohio Epsilon—has turned out successfully. Ray Shane was chairman of the raffle and sold half the 4,000 tickets himself.

Recent pledges: Joseph Tomchak, Gene Slaymaker, Richard Anson, Joseph Gilmore, James Ashburn, Kenneth Murphy, and Truman Foster. The total of pledges, now, despite this influx, is only 47, since 8 men have been initiated and 9 others have depledged. The active chapter, which numbered 41 at the last accounting, has been increased by 8 and diminished by 3 graduates, so that the total number is now 46. The total chapter strength is 93. The three graduates are Ray Gahr, Jim Sherlock, and Dave Templeton.

—TED NOWAK

Ohio Wesleyan

February 20 initiation: Ralph S. Spurrier, Donald K. Lamb, Thomas W. Selden, Michel I. Oberlander, James A. Fredrickson, William J. Moore, Bruce A. Boyer, Norman R. Millard, James H. Tubbesing, T. Richard Newell, Robert E. Leech, Robert M. Burt, Grover R. Castle, Charles W. McLarnan, Richard S. Athy, Frank R. Hoffman, Jack J. Boston, William Welp, Robert J. Dalglish, and Edward C. Evans. This makes a total of 68 members, 5 pledges, and 3 Social members.

Dr. Ronald R. Greene, head of the psychology department, was made an honorary member February 20. A graduate of Muskingum, Drew, and Ohio State Universities, he has been at Ohio Wesleyan since 1945.

New chapter officers: John Conrad, president; Bill McKinnon, vice-president; Ken Gettelman, secretary; Bob Leibold, historian; Erman Lamb, Sr. marshal; George Barker, Jr. marshal; and John Westfall, guard.

Intramurals: Under leadership of Roger Anderson, the chapter basketball team is undefeated and leading the league. Earlier this fall the Sig Eps won the school intramural cross country meet and took second place in volleyball.

—BOB LEIBOLD

Oklahoma

In intramural sports, Oklahoma Beta had a successful season in football. The chapter squad downed Sigma Nu 19 to 0 to enter the playoffs. Theta Kappa Phi upset the purple and red team by 6 to 0 in a later game. Daniel Vaughn won intramural wrestling championship in his weight division, 135 pounds.

Two skins have been added to the chapter's collection. Oklahoma defeated Oklahoma A & M 19 to 15 Thanksgiving and the Oklahoma Alpha chapter was wager loser. When the Sooners upset North Carolina 14-6 in the Sugar Bowl game, Oklahoma Beta won another skin.

—EDDIE MEYER

Manpower: 53 actives, including 10 married brothers, and 23 pledges. Tommy Hall, former president of New Mexico Alpha, is a new affiliate.

New officers: James Frazier, Hominy, president; Dick Manning, Oklahoma City, vice-president; Gordon E. Hillhouse, Earlsboro, comptroller; Edwin A. Meyer, Muskogee, historian; Dick King, Stephenville, Tex., secretary; Dan Vaughn, Oklahoma City, pledge trainer; Fred Whiting, Oklahoma City, IFC representative and social chairman; Hugh Harris, Stroud, senior marshal; James Nowlin, Oklahoma City, junior marshal; Charles Hughes, Oklahoma City, guard; Wilbur Light, Oklahoma City, rush chairman; Jack Miller, Washington, D.C.,

scholarship chairman, and Dick Duesler, Cement, athletics chairman.

Mid-term graduates: Edwin Johnson, Edwin D. Andrews, Frank E. Heaston.

Individual achievement: Talmadge Oden, Altus, has been elected president of the campus Wesley Foundation, Methodist students' club, and president of the Oklahoma State Methodist Student Movement. He will go to Washington, D.C., and Lake Success, N.Y., this month as a delegate to the Christian Citizens' Seminar.

Ted Anderson is the new president of the Airknockers, campus aviation organization. Harold Miller is president of the Engineers' club, largest campus organization. James Cobbs has been appointed editor of *Sooner Shamrock*, campus engineers' magazine.

Intramurals: Oklahoma Beta was defeated in the quarterfinals of the basketball playoffs by an independent team after having defeated Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi, and Acacia. At present the chapter is participating in volleyball, boxing, and bowling.

—FRANK E. HEASTON

Oklahoma A & M

John Shannon, Jack Bobek, Bill Biggerstaff, and Bernie Williams were graduated in the January Commencement Exercises. The chapter manpower at present: 52 actives and 31 pledges.

On February 12 the Golden Heart Formal dance was held in the house.

Sig Ep won second in the interfraternity basketball competition. Ben Harrison won all-college first place for breast stroke in the swimming meet. The fraternity tied for fourth in that contest. Both A and B volleyball teams are unbeaten at present.

The Sig Ep-Chi Omega combination skit took first in that division of the 1949 Varsity Revue. Our skit was a minstrel show with members Paul Price and Dale Warlick acting as end men and Mac Price as interlocutor. Clark Doan and Marjean Orman, Chi Omega, contributed to the winning performance by presenting a soft-shoe-shuffle to the tune of "Carolina in the Morning."

—RUSSELL L. LONG

Oregon

Manpower: 45 actives, 2 new pledges and 7 pledges from the previous term. Eight new initiates are among the 45 actives, as follows: Milan Ralph Bond, Thomas Henry Crosley, Kenneth Stanley Hodge, Richard Kading, Jr., Melvin Edward Leighton, Alexander Riasanovsky, Bruce C. Urey, and Glenn E. Yost, Jr.

Newly elected officers: James Snell, president; Curtis Finch, vice-president; Paul Davenport, secretary; Robert King, comptroller; and William B. Barnum, Jr., historian.

A newly purchased rug and curtains adorn the downstairs, a hot water heater, which for a change heats the water, has been obtained, and venetian blinds are now being purchased for all front windows.

Oregon Beta placed 6th among fraternities during fall term. Top honors go to Alexander Riasanovsky, one of our new initiates, who earned a 4 point.

William S. Barnum was tapped for Friars, senior men's honorary. J. Kelly Farris was awarded first place at the annual Intercollegiate Forensic Association meeting in Portland on January 19. Curtis Finch and Milan Bond recently joined Scabbard and Blade, national military honorary. Kenneth Hodge has been tapped by Alpha Delta Sigma, national men's advertising honorary. Robert King, new comptroller, is president of the House Librarians Association. The retiring president, Francis Mahula, is kept busy outside the house with his activities as a member of the newly formed Associated Greek Student's steering committee, Phi Mu Alpha, national music honorary, and in his capacity as president of the Newman Club.

Our intramural handball team under the guidance of Paul Davenport and Alan Sterton is fighting it out in the high brackets.

—WILLIAM B. BARNUM, JR.

Oregon State

Loaded with the gifts we received from Santa and displaying our gaudy new Christmas ties, we brothers and pledges of Oregon Alpha returned after a fine vacation to begin a new term. As an added inspiration to do well, we were welcomed with the good news that we again had topped the fraternity grade list. This makes the 43rd consecutive term that Oregon Alpha has held this position.

The Sig Eps are holding a high position in other activities as well as on the campus. Gayl Ness was co-chairman of International Week

Oklahoma Beta's "Heart is with the Sooners" as chapter float features a replica of the fraternity pin with six campus beauties representing pearls.





Len Rinearson, Oregon Alpha, first-string center at Oregon State, a junior, has won varsity letters in track, football, and basketball.

and Don Cook was chairman of the Ag Dance. Jack Talbott and pledge Ralph Cheek are among the cast for the play *Macbeth*. Rod Johnson is managing the Kappa Kappa Psi dance band and Jerry Bowder is writing arrangements for the men's glee club. Jim Barratt is co-editor for Oregon State in the national *Campus* magazine. Jim Gray won the Alpha Gamma Rho Freshman Award.

On the maple boards, Len Rinearson is doing a fine job at the center position for Oregon State's basketball team. Splashing away in the swimming pool we have Gail Ness making points for the varsity swimming team. Jim Rodgers is the main stay in the hockey team when he is not in the penalty box, while Bob Morse and Royal DeLany have begun working out for varsity track.

A word of grief was received by us at the start of the term. Bob Adams, a graduate student at Yale, was injured in an airplane accident at Seattle. He was lucky to survive the crash.

Oregon Alpha presented "The Golden Heart" on January 22. A banquet preceeded the Junior Prom and a fireside was held on February 18.

New pledges: Herman J. Kaiser and Robert J. Werning. Recent initiates: Len Rinearson, Phil Schramm, Jim Rodgers, George Troeh, and Art Wells.

New officers: president, Don Cook; vice-president, Bill Burns; manager, Ben Whiteley;

treasurer, Bob Wicks; historian, Dick Henselman; and secretary, Dick Lamb.

—DICK HENSELMAN

Penn

Our pledge class of 26 is tutored by Pledge-master George Woodring.

In January we had our annual barbecue and old clothes party. Marshall our chef, provided us with a couple of delicious roast pigs. In February, we had a Valentine party, with the pledges led by John Fiscella putting on a skit showing life in a fraternity if pledges were brothers and brothers were pledges.

February saw Ed Waite, Earl Brown, Ron Markley, and Bill Ryan, leave the happy household equipped with cap, gown, and sheep skin. All gave short graduating speeches.

Herb Agocs turned his attention from varsity football to varsity "grunt and groan." After losing his first match, Herb has not been defeated on the mat. Bob Mullins has been the lead-off man of the crack Penn two-mile relay team which won both the New York Athletic Club and the National A.A.U. events at Madison Square Garden. John Bickelhaupt was elected to the Houston Hall Student Board, and Bob Wilkens was elected assistant manager of the Mask and Wig Club. Steinhoff and Armstrong won Scott awards for scholastic achievement.

Our interfraternity basketball team, coached by Don English and our bowling team, captained by Pete Cardone, have not been defeated.

—ALBERT J. POPE, JR.

Penn State

We have 32 active brothers, including two who have returned after an absence of one semester, Charles Berg and Martin Gronka. Three new men, initiated February 20, are Edward J. O'Rosky, Louis Pagnotti, and Keith Grant. Twelve pledges in the house complete the roster, with two others marking time until next fall.

New officers: president, John D. Chiquoine; vice-president, Robert Goodman; historian, Herbert A. Houston; secretary, Joseph Egan; treasurer, Stanley Young.

Scholarship, from recent reports of the college, seems to be climbing from quite a mediocre house record, to one of respectability.

John Chiquoine is vice-president of Engineering Student Council and secretary of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering, as well as a member of Sigma Tau, honorary general engineering. Robert Goodman is vice-president of Delta Sigma Pi, commerce and finance.

A party held January 16 for Kappa Alpha

Theta, was a full-scale production of Greenwich village, old fashioned melodrama, song and dance routines with the chorus line of brothers and pledges amply padded with apple stuffed clothing, mop-head wigs, and heavy applications of lipstick.

Recent graduates: Ferdinand Fidati, John Schoening (still at Penn State for a master's), Thomas Botsford, Kenneth Brooks, and in addition to these actives, James Walker and Edward Tylden, married brothers whom we shall miss.

—HERBERT A. HOUSTON

Purdue

There are now 26 pledges. Recently pledged: Bob Enslee, Jack Herbst, John Dykstra, and Bob Pender. Initiates (November 21): Bill Glacken, Warren Klugman, Dave Bockman, and Bob Samsen.

New officers: president, Dan Bjorum; vice-president, Cliff Grassly; secretary, Bill Glacken; historian, Tom Mulligan. Committee heads: John Dennis, rush; Bill Stitt, social; Dick Hurley, scholarship; Harry Redman, pledge-trainer. Hurley attained the perfect 6.0 index last semester.

Seven men were graduated in February: Emo Middour, Connie Green, Ray Stephens, Martio Hecht, John Michel, Bob Sutter, and Dick Anderson. They left a boxer pup as their gesture of good will toward the house.

The house is well represented in campus politics with Lanham and Carlton in key jobs. Cliff Grassly is circulation manager of the *Limp Rivet* and Bob Coleman is up and coming on the *Purdue Exponent*, campus paper. Bob Pender has appeared in stage productions of the past and will be seen in *Rio Rita* and *The Frontier*. Dan Bjorum is president of the International Purdue Association and is active in

the United Nations Volunteer Education Center. The house quartet, "The Playtonics," made a guest appearance on the "Campus Capers" program of station WASK Tuesday evening, February 22. The quartet is composed of Buzz Haeger, Tom Armstrong, Bob Baker, and Bill Cope. Also in the entertainment field, Mark Hodapp is gaining fame with his magic and tricks. Hugh Kellogg's band is recognized as the best on the campus.

Rex Sebastian is playing varsity basketball and Ray Schakel and Dick Hurley hold berths on the swimming team. Wally (A-Bomb) Gase is doing well on the boxing team. The push behind the university athletic teams has been encouraged by Tom Kenyon and Lee Gase who are on the campus committee.

Bob Nordyke has been initiated into the Kappa Psi, pharmacy honorary. Fred Schindler, Dave Bockman, and Warren Klugman are in the Quarterdeck, N.R.O.T.C. honorary. Bert Forner is a pledge in Scull and Crescent and Art Heitman is now a "Catalyst," the chem engineering honorary.

The "Penny Carnival" which Sig Eps took a first in last year will be held in April. We are teaming up with the Sigma Kappa.

—THOMAS J. MULLIGAN

Rensselaer

New York Delta's initial venture into the formal dance field turned out well.

The house basketball started the season with 4 wins to no losses.

Bill Backer, mechanical engineer from Bound Brook, N.J., started his career at Rensselaer on a part tuition scholarship. During 1945 and 1946 he served first as secretary, then as chapter comptroller. He is a member of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, and



Penn members and their dates enjoy barbecue and old clothes party.



Bowery Party at Rensselaer Sig Ep house.

was elected to Sigma Xi, national honorary society for research in science.

John Kriesmer, mechanical engineer from Fairlawn, N.J., came to Rensselaer the recipient of a full tuition scholarship. As sports manager of the chapter he turned out topnotch teams that made the name Sig Ep strike a terror into the hearts of our opponents from the ping pong table to the gridiron. John is a member of Pi Tau Sigma.

Stuart Joynt, of Rome, N.Y., was graduated a metallurgical engineer. He was also a scholarship man and ran cross country for the Cherry and White. Better known as the "Digger," Stu was capable of promoting a highly farcial conversation with an air of great solemnity. After leaving Rensselaer Stu will take up a position as metallurgical observer for Republic Steel in Buffalo.

—JOHN SHERIDAN

Richmond

Recent initiates: Myron Comley, Howard Bennett, Earl Northern, Joe Murray, and Beecher Ward.

The annual Golden Heart Ball will be held April 29 at the Country Club of Virginia.

Three of the 1949 June graduates have made plans to be married: Ben Triplett, president; Morris Bennett, comptroller, and Pledgemaster Joe Murray. Sixteen actives will be graduated this year.

Plans are being made for the annual Greek Week, in which each fraternity competes for honors in greek sports, singing and each group presents a skit. Mike Comley was elected as choirmaster and will lead our group.

Tommy Howard, junior class treasurer, and Ed Kurtz, publicity chairman, are raising funds for Junior Prom on March 5. Sig Eps controlled all student funds last year, with Neil Cline as treasurer of Student Government; Tommy Howard, junior class treasurer; George Jarvis (now in the Army temporarily), sophomore class; and Roscoe Crosier, senior class treasurer.

Pledge Jack Griffin, a member of Honor Council, will be initiated shortly. Jack is a scatback during the intramural football season.

Our cage team is led by Darrell Gilliam and Frank Skinner.

—WALT PRESTON

Rutgers

Recent initiates: Thomas A. Guglielmo, Richard Koch, Alan E. James, Jr., Frank G. Bertus, Arthur D. Bickhardt, William P. O'Dwyer, Harry Sindle, Edward Price, Mark Perrier, Lawrence K. Carlson, Edward F. Lacko, John T. Tassine, William Hartley, and Daniel L. Martin. Walter T. Hobby, transfer from Tulsa, became affiliated February 22. The active membership is 52, with 5 pledges.

A new program of constructive work is being carried forth by the brothers and pledges. Early last year the pledge class redesigned and rebuilt the basement, providing for a comfortable den. This year the program for the pledges was the improvement of the house and grounds. During hell week, with the co-operation of the New Brunswick police department, the pledges cleaned the police station. The dean of men commented upon such a program for other fraternities to follow.

Frank Adams, social chairman, has been awarded the R.C.A. radio scholarship for outstanding work in engineering. Stephen Albertalli maintains his scholastic scholarship from his freshman year.

In intramural participation Sig Eps are leading. In basketball, not a game has been lost. It is almost a foregone conclusion that we will take the league trophy. The team is coached by



With nary a paddle for miles around, Rutgers pledges clean up the jailhouse. From left: Conrad Foerter, Douglas Zeek, Frank O'Dell, Henry Blaes, Jack Shagg, Walter Hobby, Frank Bertus, Arthur Bickhardt, Mark Perrier.

Don Mohr, varsity football player. Rodger Williams, varsity football player, along with Robert Cyphers, varsity lacrosse, William O'Dwyer, varsity football, Forest Button, Don McKecknie, Ernest Tierny, Richart Brong, Richard Kock, and Alan James.

Arthur Peabody, varsity wrestler, remains undefeated.

—STEPHEN J. MARODA

San Diego

Active chapter manpower numbers 42. Impetus is being given the rushing program by the local alumni chapter, in that each member who rushes and causes to be pledged a minimum of five men, will be presented with five dollars when pledge bids are returned.

The deed to the scenic lot overlooking Aztec Bowl has been received and is in the hands of Dick Wooley, alumni president.

After winning the interfraternity scholarship cup last year, Sig Eps took a long fall to 7th place in a field of 13. Jack Ireland received a 3.0 grade average for the fall semester.

Cocktail parties are being featured this year. Among the givers: Dick Curtis, Jack Wolff, Rosemary Pizano, Dave Raper, and Jack Hancock. Recently rushees were treated to beer, movies, and informal talks by chapter officers in the fraternity meeting-hall. More beer, softball, hikes, football and free lunch were featured at the stag rush picnic at El Monte Park February 20. Plans for a sweater-wearing rush dinner-dance are being made by Rushing Chairman Bill Sanford. A party in the Streamliner on February 23 signalized the departure of Dick Edwards, former chapter secretary, for Chicago, Ill., where he will seek marriage and follow his career.

—JAMES E. COLE, JR.

Syracuse

Manpower: 83 actives and pledges (24 September pledges and 7 who were pledged in January).

Initiated in late fall: Al Drum, Al Orth, Dave Doolittle, Carl Westman, Jim Dragotta, Stubby Miller, Jim Shreve, John Johnson, Gene Kelley, Joe Hornsby, Bob Gifford, Bob Van Valkinburgh, George Marsden, and Fred Hilkert. Al White is comptroller, replacing Whitey Severance; Dinny Billings is intramural manager.

More New Look progress has given the house a new storeroom floor, a rose-peach dining room, egg-shell brown upstairs hall, and new shades and drapes. Work is progressing on a completely revamped game room to be used as a dance floor annex.

The ping-pong team of Jim Shreve, Mike Wreszin, John Fox, and Joe Hornsby is an odds-on favorite for interfraternity cup again. Our basketball squad, defending champs, has the efforts of Vern Hastings, Al Stuhlmiller, John



The chess rage at Syracuse has Bill White folding his arms while Bob Gifford worries.

Henry, Ted Billings, Jim Shreve, Ox Dragotta, and Dave Doolittle. The bowlers have been hot and cold, though Doug Coon and Art Nugent are among the top dozen in the university-wide averages.

Stub Miller is one of the flashiest operators on the varsity basketball team while 121-pounder Jimmy Fogarty and 128-er Bob Gerbino have had great seasons with the varsity and frosh wrestling squads respectively. Ted Billings is a diving candidate for the natators.

Indoor tank crew practice finds veteran Gene Kelley and aspirants George Marsden, Jim Kolbe, and Bob Simpson tugging water while Bob Wilkinson and Dick Capano do the coxswaining. Baseball practice calls infielders Carl Westman and Vern Hastings and catcher Al Stuhlmiller. Still another pledge, John Haas, wrestles frosh at 145.

Al White, Fred Hilkert, and Herb Callahan warble with the Chapel Choir and Al has worked hard as house songleader. The Marsden-VanValkinburgh-Vanda-Kelley team did themselves proud in creating Rip Van Winkle for snow sculpture.

On February 25 and 26, we entertained the annual district convention, 17 representatives from Cornell, RPI, NYU, Stevens, and Rutgers, plus Bob Kelly, former district president and Bob Bromley, new district governor. Also on hand in Saturday's all-day discussions were four Lehigh members, up for the big wrestling match. We staged a buffet supper and dance culminating in the Al Drum-Edd Gulamerian "production" of HAMLET.

Our winter formal was held with the Alpha Phis.



January Barn Dance at Temple.

Al White, Dick Hamann, and Bob Shoemaker were initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi. Jack Morrissey, Chuck Aldridge, Hamann, and Frank Gordnier are members of the Television Society. Dan McManamy is a junior sports editor on the *Daily Orange*. President Moe LeSieur is chairman of one of the Interfraternity Weekend dances. Jim Dragotta and Jack Riddle have reorganized the South Side Skeet Club. Dick King is a member of the Debate team.

—JOHN FOX

Temple

Manpower: 49 actives, 27 pledges. The new officers: president, William H. Fifield; vice-president, James Hartnett; secretary, Fred Bertels; historian, Sherod Cooper, Jr.; guard, Edward Ferguson; senior marshal, Alfred Bracalente; junior marshal, James Smith.

William C. Krausser and Harold Rogers, Jr., were graduated in February.

Varsity football participants were William Bonsall, Robert Callahan, William Grady, William Hewson, George Ogden, Brinton Piez, and James Smith. Varsity soccer: All-American Tom Lambert and Fred Barlow. Basketball: Wally Hatkevich, Ike Borsavage, and Michael Demmyanovich.

In interfraternity athletic competition, we won first place in touch football with 8 wins and no losses and at the present time are in first place in basketball with 5 wins and no losses. The bowling team ended in second place.

February 17, an interfraternity Rush Smoker was held at Temple to give prospective pledges an insight into fraternity life. A. Blair Knapp, Dean of Students at Temple, was a principal speaker. The chapter held two smokers in March.

December 16, we held a Christmas party for the orphans at the Methodist Orphanage in Philadelphia. Staged by Brinton Piez, it included a decorated Christmas tree, Santa Claus

in the person of Robert Callahan, individual gifts for each child, and refreshments. The chapter also presented the orphanage with a ping-pong table.

January 8, a barn dance was held at the Eddington Farms near Philadelphia. The fraternity rented the lavish barn, which resembled a night club. Bernie Grager was party chairman. A formal dance is to be held April 22 at a country club near Philadelphia. In March, the chapter participated in the annual Greek-Week-end festivities at Temple.

—SHEROD M. COOPER, JR.

Tennessee

Manpower: 60 actives and 40 pledges. Recent initiates: Bob Ellis, Clarence Matthews, Dick Ownby, Jack Stewart and Herbert Sullivan. Three new pledges have been added since Christmas.

Friday, January 28, was known as *Black Friday* to many, for between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and midnight the pledge class was in command. Actives were allowed to entertain the pledges and serve their many petty needs. The pledge trainer and rush chairman were kept very busy during the day.

Our group in the annual *All Sing* competition is under the direction of Hurbert Coulter for the fourth year. We have captured two second place awards in the past three years. The songs being presented by the choral group are *O Divine Redeemer* and *Valencia*.

A Valentine party was held on February 12 at the fraternity house. The front door was decorated as a heart and Cupid with his bow and arrow served as honor guard. A special blind no-break dance was held after the girls selected comic valentines bearing the name of a member from a large mail box.

The first formal was held on March 5 in the form of a buffet supper for about 300 members, dates and guests. A dance was held at the University of Tennessee Memorial Auditorium. During intermission the *Cinderella Girl* of Tennessee Alpha presented with the golden slipper was Mary Joyce Neiderhauser, and AOPi and sister of one of the actives. A breakfast dance followed at Deane Hill Country Club, sponsored by the alumni chapter.

Pat Hunerwadel, vice-president, was chairman of this event.

A *Bride of Fortune* was reviewed by Mrs. Creekmore at a benefit book review held by the Mothers' Club on February 23. The funds raised were used to finance projects that the club had planned for house improvements. A silver service was included.

The Scott award was presented to Odell S. McGuire.

Members of Omicron Delta Kappa are James O. King, Jeff Newbill, and Jack Thompson.

Paul Hughes and Edward McBride were selected for membership in Scarabbean Society. Paul Hughes, editor of the yearbook, *Volunteer*, was selected for college *Who's Who*.

—JEFF NEWBILL

Texas

Manpower: February 6 initiates: Andrew Filbrow Underwood, San Antonio; Josiah Wheat Woodville; Ted Charles Norman, Fort Worth; Mattison Hervey Champion, Amarillo; Joe Don Meroney, Ranger; Grady Allen Cockerman, Groves; Charles Winston Dillard, Austin; Franklin John Halbert, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Jimmie Keith Hurley; Austin; Thomas Scheel Jacks, Austin; Marion Johnson, Austin; Oriz Wickline Johnson, Donna; Charles Robert Leggott, Austin; John Leslie Lowery, Port Arthur; Charles Henry Myers, Dallas; John Dudley Rutland, Austin; Gordon Jarrett Snively, Houston; Thomas Apostolos Thomas, Port Arthur; William Earl Yeatman, Austin; Robert Lester Cole, Houston; Terry Debbs King, Baytown; Sammy Robert Lyons, Houston; and Marvin Lloyd McLaughlin, Tyler.

During midsemester rush week, Texas Alpha pledged Joe Rojo, Port Arthur; Jack Parmelly, Sherman; Bob Spain, Houston; Jim Ben Higginbotham, Austin; Wallace M. Snyder, San Antonio; Joe C. Treadwell, Austin; Glen Shaptaw, Kingsville; Tommy Camp, Lockney; Lawrence Callahan, Houston; Jack Brady, Austin; and Billy Bob Tisdale, Austin. Texas Alpha remains the third largest chapter on the University of Texas campus.

Texas Alpha's annual Valentine Formal witnessed 250 people at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel Capitol Ballroom on February 12. Cocktails were served in the Sun Room at 5:00 in the afternoon. A banquet followed the cocktail party in the Mural Room of the hotel, at which, the incoming and outgoing officers of the chapter were introduced. New officers: John Knoblesdorf, president; Dick Willett, vice-president; Richard McDuffie, secretary; Don Reeves, historian; Gordon Johnson, comptroller; John Barnard, house manager. At the banquet, Outgoing President Frank Martino introduced the popularity elected outstanding member, Larry Warburton, and outstanding pledge, Thomas Thomas. By far the most popular guest was Jack Holland, dean of men. Charlie Myers and his orchestra furnished the music.

A party is being planned by the chapter aboard the *Showboat*, which sails up the Colorado River and around tranquil Lake Austin. Several picnics are also planned.

Andy Megarity has been initiated into Alpha Epsilon Delta, outstanding pre-med fraternity, and Phi Lambda Upsilon, national chemistry fraternity.

—DON REEVES

Tulsa

Manpower: 43. Eleven men initiated March 6: Jerry Brennan, George Foster, Jack Keeler, Jerry Ruddle, Richard Eskridge, John Rogers, Pete Knode, Tom Wilkinson, Jack Carlson, Bill Walker, and Kenneth Jones. To date we have 11 new pledges.

Work done on the house since the last report includes new oak flooring and complete redecoration of the downstairs and housemother's room. Installation of new plumbing fixtures upstairs was completed last month.

Vice-president Jack Hale has just been elected to Phi Gamma Kappa and Sword and Key, honorary scholarship fraternities for juniors and seniors.

In intramural sports, we have lost more basketball games than we have won. Our striking score for bowling is also low.

The Golden Heart Formal, held February 12, was well attended by members and alumni, despite weather conditions.

—BILL WILKINSON

U.S.C.

Ceremonies were held on February 13 for the following new initiates: Jack Garrett, Glenn Merrill, George Daniels, Bill Beasley, Boyd Ford, Verne Monroe, Jack Woodward, Jack Osgood, Ruke Stoddard, Paul Carter, Jack Van Nostrand, Duncan Cummings, Frank Baffa, Scott Stoddard, Ed Daffin, and Dick Stenquist, John Williams, Dayl Mowrey, Bob Chamberlain, Dick Lee, Bob Miller, Bob Jordon, Ronnie Wilson, Carl Preising, Bill McDowell, Don DuBose, Bob White, Joe Neuman, and Bill Green. We also initiated Steve Dunne from Alabama Beta.

New officers: Bob Reis, president; Don Hensman, vice-president; Al Wright, house manager; Bill Beasley, historian; Stan Case, and Boyd Ford, marshals, and Dick Stenquist, guard.

The Crystal Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel witnessed the annual Queen of Hearts Ball. Edward Arnold, famous screen celebrity and Sig Ep, crowned Jackie Teets as Queen of Hearts. Jim Thompson handled arrangements.

In fraternity sports, we hold first place, after winning the basketball championship last semester. Past president Ralph Townsend broke five records recently in bowling, knocking out a 245 for one game and 588 for the series high to take league honors.

—BILL BEASLEY

Utah State

Our Queen of Hearts Ball was held February 12 at the LDS Institute. Our Queen was chosen from among 6 contestants—2 Chi Omegas, 2 Sigma Kappas, 1 Theta Upsilon, and 1 independent. We elected Carol Peterson of East

Copperton, Utah, Chi Omega freshman majoring in home economics. She was attended by Helen Mason, Chi Omega, and Jean Pierce, Sigma Kappa. The Queen received a bouquet of roses from Janise Spencer, last year's Queen. Approximately 140 actives and pledges attended, including President of Utah State Franklin S. Harris along with 6 patrons and patronesses, and a number of the alumni.

Winter Carnival netted us a rating of "excellent" on our sculpture.

Fall quarter 32 men pledged; we were third in highest number of men joining. We now have a total of 40 actives and 22 pledges. New rush chairman and social chairman, respectively, are Grant Christensen and Melvin Davis.

David Miller, major in agronomy, received the Scott key as the ranking scholar, having a 2.88 average for 1947-48.

We have 32 men living in the house and every available space is immediately converted into closets or book racks.

Actives defeated the pledges in the annual beer bust basketball game by the score of 33 to 22. The pledges made a bargain with the local police during the night of the game and had subpoenas served to 3 of our star active basketball players. However, due to active resourcefulness the 3 doomed men were sprung in time to participate and win.

—ALBERT A. MEZO

Virginia

December 15 we initiated 5 men; we have one pledge. Bob Corish has been elected new comptroller to replace Forrest Wommack.

We expect to repaint the upper floors and to repair the baths. Walter Lewis is chairman of the House Improvements Committee. The Memorial Committee plans to erect a suitable memorial in the house in memory of the Virginia Eta brothers who gave their lives in World War II.

Bill Scannell was graduated from the Law School in February, and has returned to Chicago. Al Whitehouse was graduated in February also. Jack Hunter was elected to ODK.

Forrest Wommack was elected vice-president of the Student Council, and Jimmy Phillips was elected to the Student Council to represent the Engineering School. Joe Brock was elected secretary of the University Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Jimmy Miragliotta is the coach of the University freshman boxing team, and Joe and Basil Miragliotta are both members of the boxing team. All three brothers are Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Champions for 1948.

Bill Mapp, Columbus, Ohio, Lewis Bridgeforth, Richmond, and V. J. Coberly, Petersburg, have resumed their studies and become active.

Jack Hunter was elected editor of the *Cavalier Daily*, campus newspaper.

In intramural sports, we won both the singles and doubles in ping-pong, and also took second place in singles. We are first in our league in bowling.

—HARRY F. THOMPSON

Wake Forest

February initiates: Jack Mueller, Bill Hendrix, Bill Moses, John Nelson, Bill McLain, E. P. Ellis, Ken Bridges, Dick Clay, Bernie Frazier, Tommy Hall, Tommy Ogburn, Jim Wrenn, and Don Bower. Total membership: 60.

Gray Roberts, Kannapolis, was elected president succeeding Clyde Whitener who was graduated. A new second vice-president will be elected to succeed Doyle Bedsole, who left has left school.

Our dining-hall and "annex" were recently given a complete overhauling and new paint job. Thomas Gibson is manager.

Scholarship: third among the eleven fraternities.

Eddie Salley and Ken Bridges are in spring football practice for Wake Forest's Demon Deacons. Salley is a quarterback and Bridges an end. L. P. Megginson has been appointed an assistant in the Math Department.

—DON E. PHELPS

Washington

After four quarters of residence at 2003 E. 47th here in Seattle, the chapter house of Washington Beta burned—a total loss. Only 7 fellows were injured and all but one, Jack Mayer, are now in school.

We were feeling very smug the day before the fire. Jim Mergens had been elected to the post of ASUW vice-president, the house grade point had improved immensely (even the officers cracked over a 3.0) and Earl Robinson, star track man (440 dash) was to be married that night. That night, January 14, the alumni were holding a party at the house to pay off the piano. On the morning after the 15th, the piano and everything we owned was burned.

Since that time we have lived in a boarding house and worked in as many of our fellows as we could—crowding as many as six to a room! The Interfraternity Council made the annual dance a Sig Ep benefit dance, several houses on the campus sent checks, the Red Cross put forth disaster relief, and the alumni rallied around with a very fine spirit. We have had letters and encouragement from all our chapters all over the country, especially the new chapters.

Our spirit at Washington has definitely not been crushed. Our men have continued their work both scholastically and extracurricular activities. We are holding our dance February 26 as we planned it last fall and the number of exchange dinners and parties has increased.

As to getting a new house, our alumni are working virtually day and night trying to fix us up for next fall. We have seen only a minute portion of the time and money they are donating, yet their sacrifices are vividly before us.

—JIM MERGENS

Washington State

Manpower: 34 actives and 18 pledges, of whom 13 are to be initiated soon.

New officers: Melvin D. Strickler, president; Dave Moen, vice-president; Dick White, secretary; Al Rielly, house cop; Willis Randall, comptroller; Phil Jacobson, historian; Glenn Rickert, guard; Ribert Sinnelink, senior marshal; Bill McCaw, junior marshal.

The over-all house average for the first semester was 2.5, highest in recent history. Highest grade among the members was Bill McCaw's 3.7, among the pledges, Paul Hendrickson's 3.1.

Receiving B.A. degrees January 31 were Jack Carlson, business administration, and Don Troy, music. Jack will attend one more semester of school to study for C.P.A. exams while Don Troy has taken an executive position with J. C. Penny Company.

John Peterson and Glenn Rickert received their gray "W's" for football January 8. Winning frosh letters were Newt Kier and Roy Burke.

Having completed an undefeated season in football the house intramural squad has started well in basketball with 8 wins and two losses. This places the team, sparked by Dick White and Ray Sewell, in second place with 6 more games to play.

—PHIL JACOBSON

West Virginia

February 20, 11 men were initiated, increasing chapter strength to 48 actives. The new men are Harold Boatwright, '51; Jack Clevenger, '51; Frank Dunlap, '52; Freeman Jackson, '50; John Ruby, '50; William St. Clair, '52; Paul Salgado, '53; Palmer Ulman, '50; Houston Wood, '53; Gervis Beverly Zeigler, '50; and Paul Zoeckler.

Our pledge class total was boosted to 21 with the pledging of 9: Bill Dyer, Tom Everette, Harold Gardner, Jim Haight, Leo Harrick, John Markey, Donald Robertson, Pete Shaluta, and Edward Worwensky.

Sig Eps are in fourth place in intramural sports, competing with 19 fraternities. In Basketball the "A" team has won 3 and lost 2 games; the "B" team winning 4 and losing one.

Jean Ash was initiated into Journaliers, men's professional journalism honorary; Grover Morrison is a pledge of Fi Bater Cappar, a mock honorary; John Hall was initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi, national business honorary; John



Annual pig roast at West Virginia house. In usual order, Peggy Cox, Grover Morrison, and Ann Dalstrom are in a party mood.

Ruby is pledged to Scabbard and Blade, R.O.T.C. honorary.

Our "Sweetheart Ball" should see about 100 couples attending the dance in the Masonic Temple. Our banquet will be served in the Marine Room of the Hotel Morgan. At intermission, we will present a sweetheart pin to the one we pick as our sweetheart.

Sam Madia, '50, has been awarded full membership in the Associated Artist's League of Pittsburgh. Madia left the University in 1946 to take up a further study in art, and was recently graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. He has had his paintings accepted and displayed in the Carnegie Institute, and recently he was given a place in the new year's Show of the Butler Art Institute held in Youngstown, Ohio. Sam re-enrolled in the University this semester as a candidate for the B.S. degree in education.

—GROVER MORRISON

Westminster

Manpower: 80 actives, 41 pledges.

Newly elected officers: Richard Specker, president; Matt Yenney, vice-president; Earl Knause, secretary; Kenny Armour, corresponding secretary; Richard Solomon, historian; Robert Come, guide; Norman Monack, guard; Rich Paul, senior marshal; Alan McCullough, junior marshal; Ralph Stevens, examiner. The officers of the pledge class are Jack Cooper, president; George Toohey, vice-president; Bob Ward, secretary-treasurer.

House improvements: The kitchen has recently had a new range, refrigerator, sink, and flooring.

Our intramural basketball teams have already won the first half of the section play and are leading in the second half.

February 26, a banquet was held for the



Karl Berggren pulls in the chips in a card game during Massachusetts Beta monte carlo party.

alumni; 20 of the graduated members attended. A joint meeting was held afterwards.

—RICHARD SOLOMON

Worcester

Manpower: December 4, 23 freshmen were pledged. Homer MacNutt was initiated January 12.

New officers: president, Donald Jordan; vice-president, Jack Forster; historian, Owen Ott; house manager, Mal Horton; secretary, Neal Peterson.

Social Activities: The Interfraternity Ball and formal weekend, December 10, began with a cocktail party and banquet, followed by a

dance at Alden Memorial Hall. On Saturday afternoon a cocktail party and dance were held at a nearby country club and in the evening the crowd went to the Alumni Gym to see the Engineers lose a close one to Devens. To complete the day there was a round robin which served to point out the popularity of the C. George Carlson Room in our house as a party spot.

In the weighted averages released by the registrar's office it was revealed that Mass Beta placed fifth among all fraternities in scholarship.

Varsity basketball participants are Mal Horton, assistant manager; Russ Norris, Bob Carlson, and Ritchie Howard.

The Sig Ep relay squad tied for second place in the interfraternity relay competition. Williams, Besselièvre, and Miller and pledge Schmitt ran for the house.

—OWEN OTT

Wyoming

The German Band has been reorganized, and new uniforms adopted consisting of short pants, white blouses, leather suspenders, knee socks, ski boots, and alpine hats. The band is composing new arrangements of higher types of music. The Mothers Club made the white shirts for us.

Initiated (January 23): Robert Buenger and Leon Harrison, Cheyenne; John Reese, James McQueen, and Merle A. Miller, Jr., Worland; Wayne Helterbran, Torrington; John J. Hinkley, Detroit, Mich.; Wallace Wilhard, Laramie; Al Sabine, Rome, N.Y.; and Charles Parks, Wilmington, Calif.

★ GOOD OF THE ORDER ★

The Race Question

To me, the significant aspect of the current situation in the college fraternity field is the emergence of this controversy [concerning discrimination] as a sign of changing public opinion. The American college fraternity system has survived and prospered through more than a century of changing social conditions in the nation because of its ability to adjust itself to changing social trends. Annually it must "go to the people," so to speak, to recruit new members, and thus it must be responsive to changes. In this respect it is a barometer. It will progress toward an adjustment of these current perplexities as society changes to meet its own perplexities in this field of racial and religious differences.

As for the Negro student, even though I expect to see membership provisions in most fraternity constitutions altered to do away with a blanket discrimination against the Negro

people, I do not expect to see more than an occasional Negro student admitted to predominantly white social fraternities until off-campus conditions change materially. In the fraternity concept of brotherhood, there can be no degrees or graduations in brotherhood privileges. Though the members of a fraternity chapter can wholeheartedly guarantee to a Negro member full equality of privileges within the walls of the chapter house, they know that at present they cannot guarantee to him equality of privileges like theirs outside of the fraternity house, particularly in off-campus relationships. In most cases—with only an exception here and there—fraternity undergraduates will decide against creating such a paradoxical situation. Their reasoning in this respect may be faulty; if so, the fault would be theirs in the smaller part; in the larger part the fault would be that of society and their elders.—DEAN A. RAY WARNOCK, Pennsylvania State College, Beta Theta Pi.

With the Alumni

★ GROUP NEWS ★

*Great souls by instinct to each other turn,
Demand alliance, and in friendship burn.*

—ADDISON

Boston Beginning

The evening of Thursday, February 24, saw the first Boston and vicinity gathering of Sig Eps in quite a few years.

Held at the Pegis Club, the meeting was honored by the presence of Assistant to the Grand Secretary Frank Ruck, Jr. Other visitors included four members from the undergraduate chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Will Applegate, '49, gave news of the W.P.I. chapter, Al Trowsdale, '46, of Dartmouth, while Frank Ruck declaimed on the other New England chapters, Maine, Middlebury, and Norwich, as well as giving a general talk on Sig Ep and its progress since the war. Bill Lindsay, New York Delta, '48, graduate student at M.I.T., told of the formation of the Pegis Club as a new living group at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In between the talks Massachusetts Beta's color rushing movies were shown.

Before the meeting broke up for refreshments a steering committee was chosen to plan for a program for the Boston Sig Ep alumni.

There were twenty Sig Ep chapters represented. Among those present were the following: Gordon Welch, Baker, '46; Joseph Bare, California, '45; William Kennedy, '47, John Kevill, '47, and Ellsworth Trowsdale, '46, of Dartmouth; Lionell Mullholland, Delaware, '16; Oscar Noss, George Washington; Robert Hut-ton, Kansas, '50; Albert Richards, Massachusetts, '36; Ronald Brightsen, '47, Richard King, '45, Frank Ruck, '46, John Templar, '42, of Michigan; Richard Files, '42, Gordon Westby, '37, of Middlebury; Alexander Miller, Minnesota, '24; Walter Theisson, N.Y.U., '37; Winthrop Durfee, North Carolina, '36; Irving Winslow, Norwich, '20; Ted Churchill, Ohio Wesleyan, '42; William Lindsay, R.P.I., '48; Richard McLellan, Syracuse, '42; Charles Sage, Temple, '48; William Rymer, Tennessee, '43; Lloyd Le Boeuf, Tulane, '35; Willson Applegate, '49, Karl Berggren, '49, Edward Jones, '14, Donald Jordan, '50, Truman Sanderson, '31, Prescott Stevens, '48, Norman Taylor, '49, Win-fred Wilkinson, '18, David Wright, '46D, of Worcester Tech.

—T. L. SANDERSON

Baltimore Is Back

The Baltimore Alumni Chapter received its charter in 1938 and has carried on its resourceful work continuously for the past eleven years. During this period we have been lax in reporting our activities to the JOURNAL. When I complained of this at our last meeting I was promptly made Historian and delegated to remedy the situation.

Although the majority of our members are from Maryland Alpha our roll includes many alumni from other chapters. In fact, Gus Douthit, Illinois Alpha, '41, is chairman of our membership committee and would appreciate hearing from any other brother in the Baltimore vicinity not on our mailing list. (Please call Tuxedo 6923, 3040 Guilford Ave.) We are anxiously awaiting the new directory which we hope will give us information on any brothers we may have missed.

We are proud of the progress made by Maryland Alpha in the last 20 years and of the part played by the alumni in keeping the chapter active on the Hopkins campus during the lean war years. During this period all of the locals and more than half of the national fraternities left the campus. Of this group only three of the national fraternities have returned.

We also wish to congratulate the finance committee of H. F. Gibbs, '29, Z. T. Parks, '31, J. F. Toohey, '33, and R. B. Duval, '31, on the outstanding job they accomplished in refinancing the indebtedness of the Maryland Alpha chapter house.

We enjoyed our Founders' Day dinner last November 1 at Baum's and our January Beer Party at the house.

Our March get together will be a spaghetti dinner and entertainment at Pizza's Restaurant. The date for our spring dance is not definite but will probably be the night before Homecoming. Our council meets regularly for the handling of routine business, on the alternate months not assigned for entertainment.

—S. C. MORAN

At Detroit

Detroit Alumni Chapter gathered at the 48 Club on the evening of December 9, 1948, for a dinner meeting. An interesting discussion was led by Armand Roemer, Chief Planner for the City of Detroit, who spoke on the City Plan Commission's plans for developing Detroit's river and lakefront drives and parkways. Five

members of Michigan Alpha Chapter journeyed from Ann Arbor: Don MacPhail, Bill Auch, Jack Blessley, George Wolf, and Walt Dublanica. Alumni members attending included Neil Crane, Hal Coleman, Art Jordan, Past Grand President E. Reed Hunt, Dr. Jim Croushore, Bill Phillips, Jr., Earl Dirmeyer, George Roney, Don Lester, Chapter President Lynn Stedman, Dick Huntoon, Chapter Treasurer Sunny Sundstrom, Past Grand Historian Fred Price, Past Chapter President Vincent McAvoy, and Jack Jordan.

Detroit Alumni Chapter has inaugurated a plan of dispensing with business problems and their discussion at chapter meetings in an effort to encourage a greater attendance by the membership. An Executive Committee, appointed by the president, which meets whenever necessity demands, handles all detail work, thereby leaving the regular meetings free for entertainment and good fellowship.

Detroit Alumni Chapter held a banquet at the 48 Club commencing at 6:30 P. M., on January 26. A demonstration and talk of crime detection methods was presented by detective lieutenant James F. Payne and his able assistant, detective Dan Hauser, of the Detroit Police Department Laboratory. Included in the demonstration was the drunkometer, an apparatus used to establish the alcoholic density of the breath of one suspected of intoxication. When it came to this portion of the program, and the detectives called for volunteers to undergo the test, we were all quite surprised to learn that Brother John R. Pear, Alumni Trustee for Michigan Alpha, had purposely imbibed a couple of drinks to qualify as a contestant. However, our surprise turned into a distinct shock when we saw the indicator running wild after Dr. Pear's breath was put through the machine. Later, when the detectives explained that they had "spiked" Doc's balloon with 100 proof alcohol, without his knowledge, we enjoyed Doc's look of relief at the explanation. In attendance were Hal Coleman, James E. "Mickey" McGuire, George A. Roney, Dick Huntoon, Vince McAvoy, Warren Wood, Dr. Louis Thiele, Bliss Wolfe, Earl Dirmeyer, Wynn Wakeman, John Canavan, Lynn Stedman, our President, George "Sunny" Sundstrom, our Treasurer, John F. Jordan, our Secretary, and the father and son team of Glenn H. Cummings and Thomas N. Cummings (Tom journeyed from Ann Arbor to be with his Dad and us).

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of Detroit Alumni Chapter held immediately prior to the banquet, the announcement of the tragic catastrophe which befell Washington Beta on January 15, was considered, as well as the recommendation of Oregon Alpha to observe a "no-date" night.

—JOHN F. JORDAN

At Nation's Capital

The D.C. Alumni Chapter in the Nation's Capital is really a cosmopolitan group. Sig Eps from the four corners of the nation get together regularly on the last Thursday in the month at O'Donnell's Restaurant to keep alive the bonds of fraternal fellowship and incidentally to settle the nation's affairs. For the 1948-49 season J. Bernard Bradshaw, Pennsylvania Delta, is again serving as President, William H. Dulin, D.C. Alpha, was elected vice-president, Charles Funkhouser, D.C. Alpha, collects the modest dues. John Poole, D.C. Alpha, took over as secretary in the fall of 1948 but was forced to resign during January, 1949, because of illness. His position is now filled by Joseph Newlin, D.C. Alpha. Sig Eps in Washington who do not receive notices of our affairs please contact Brother Newlin, Secretary, 1515 N. Fillmore St., Arlington, Va., Phone CHestnut 6842.

Plans are now being formulated to entertain Uncle Billy Phillips at his forthcoming annual jaunt to Washington on the occasion of D.C. Alpha's annual founders' day party, March 17. Uncle Billy has not missed this occasion for more than 40 years.

—JOSEPH H. NEWLIN

The *Capital Observer* observes that:

LEROY FOSTER, D.C. Alpha, has retired from the Veterans Administration after many years of service.

GEORGE MORGAN, D.C. Alpha, has taken a position as attorney with the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, and has been assigned to Chicago. His new address is Suite 826, 208 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill. George was an active alumnus while residing in Washington. Our loss is Chicago's gain. Good luck, George, in your new assignment.

BARNARD JOY, Oregon Alpha, is the chairman of the recently elected Arlington County, Va., School Board. He is developing an expanded educational program for Arlington County, made possible by a recently authorized bond issue.

GREEVER ALLAN, Kansas Gamma, helps Paul Aiken, Kansas Gamma, run the affairs of the world's largest business. Paul is Second Assistant Postmaster General of the U. S. and Greever is his assistant.

The Sig Ep Congressional delegation remains the same—no outs—no errors—but several runs. WALT HORAN, Washington Alpha, Republican, State of Washington; VAUGHN GARY, Virginia Alpha, Democrat, Virginia, and PAUL CUNNINGHAM, Michigan Alpha, Republican, Iowa, were returned by their constituents to the House of Representatives. SENATOR ED JOHNSON, Colorado Alpha, Colorado, the only Sig Ep senator up for re-election, came through with a home run, that is back home to Washington.

Another Sig Ep in Washington's official family appears to have upset the dopesters, pollsters and all those who claimed to have had the first word from Truman, 6 A.M. November 3, 1948. JAMES V. FORRESTAL, N.H. Alpha is still on the job planning the Nation's defense—predictions to the contrary.

Speaking about dopesters and pollsters—

ROSCOE DRUMMOND, New York Alpha, '24, Washington correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor* and top notch political dopester, is scheduled to contradict some of his political predictions made at the February, 1948, luncheon just as soon as he can find time to attend one of our scheduled luncheons and we can find him in town.

T. JACK GARY, Virginia Alpha, is with the Coast Guard, U. S. Treasury Department. He is setting the admirals straight on their accounting for all the yachts the admirals took over during World War II. Gary has just finished a bangup job with the Hoover Commission which accounts for the fact that Mr. Hoover is now presenting his government reorganization plan to the 81st Congress whereas it should have been to that "awful 80th Congress."

WAYNE TYLER, Virginia Alpha, has come up from Richmond to help run the affairs of the Southern Dairies here in Washington. We shall expect plenty of ice cream as "dessert" at our next meeting.

LEWIS M. NIXON, Ohio Epsilon, is now stationed in Washington at the Navy Department.

BAXTER SMITH, D.C. Alpha, serves with the Public Roads Administration. He is also on the D.C. Commissioner's Traffic Advisory Council. Baxter it seems has some real ideas regarding the acute parking situation in Washington. Say, Baxter how about arranging a "ticket fix" for all worthy Sig Eps in Washington who have been tagged?

L. JAMES HARMANSON, Virginia Alpha, formerly special agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, stationed at Richmond, Va., is back with a farm co-operative organization—The National Council Farmers Cooperatives. Jim thinks the nation's food problems are more important than sleuthing for J. Edgar Hoover and incidentally more remunerative.

Speaking of J. Edgar Hoover, MILTON LADD, D.C. Alpha, "Mickey" has just had a nice promotion in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He acquired the position left vacant by the elevation of Judge Tamm to the District Court bench. "Mickey" is J. Edgar's right-hand sleuth on subversive activities.

JOSEPH NEWLIN, D.C. Alpha, finished his law course at George Washington University and has taken a position with Globe Indemnity Company in Washington.

ROBERT H. "DOC" JOHNSON, D.C. Alpha, wins the "gold ring" on this turn of the "Wash-

ington Alumni Merry Go Round." "Doc" sells more vitamin pills than any other druggist in Washington. "Doc" is also a member of the legal profession. Between dispensing law and pills "Doc" has found time to set the D.C. Alpha Chapter up in the most palatial house on the George Washington University campus. The boys are right up on Connecticut Avenue hobnobbing with the diplomats. "Doc" says that if any D.C. Alpha Alumni have any striped pants which will not encompass their present waist lines and which may have a few stray dollars in their pockets he can use both the pants and the dollars (mostly dollars) in his D.C. Alpha project.

The other day this observer happened to stroll into the Federal Trade Commission during their "cocktail" I mean "coffee hour" (15 minutes to be exact). It appears that the Sig Eps have really taken over this arm of the Federal Government. There was REUBEN J. MARTIN, Virginia Eta, trial attorney for the Commission, sipping java with his blonde secretary. JOSEPH CONRAD FEHR, D.C. Alpha, also of the Commission's legal staff, was giving her the once- or maybe twice-over. Discussing Reciprocal Trade Agreements over java I found ALLEN C. PHELPS and WILLIAM M. KING, both of Colorado Alpha and members of the technical staff of the Commission. FLOYD COLLINS, D.C. Alpha, was there bending his elbow. The pay-off came when in sauntered J. BERNARD BRADSHAW, Pennsylvania Delta, president of the D.C. Alumni Chapter. Bradshaw, counsel for the Board of Immigration Appeals, Department of Justice, has his office in the Federal Trade Building and right around the corner from the "coffee lounge." This accounts for his presence.

At Des Moines

Annual election dinner meeting was held February 11 at the Roosevelt Grill, Des Moines. Election of following officers for 1949: Joseph Borg, president; Lester Shaw, vice-president; secretary-treasurer, Dick Nelsen; historian, Bill Kilmer; Retiring President, George Rutledge, presided. Attendance prizes were given.

The Alumni Chapter meets once a month, with good attendance. (This is a very active chapter and our meetings are usually full of plenty of spirit.) There are about 30 active alumni brothers.

—BILL KILMER

At Dallas

The retiring officers of the Dallas Alumni Chapter are: President, J. Frank Martino, Illinois Alpha; first vice-president, George McCoy, Colorado Delta; second vice-president, Keith Congdon, Colorado Beta; secretary, Charles Standifer; treasurer, Roland Ackmann, Illinois

Alpha; scribe, Bob Burke, Pennsylvania Kappa.

At a meeting held at the Melrose Hotel, 17 members elected the following new officers: President, George McCoy, Colorado Delta; first vice-president Keith Congdon, Colorado Beta; second vice-president, Homer McConkey, Arkansas Alpha; secretary, Louie Kemple, Texas Alpha; treasurer, Roland Ackmann (re-elected); scribe, Bob Burke (re-elected).

Frank Martino, vice-president of Butler Brothers, did an outstanding job as president. The climax was a fall rush party for Texas Alpha which included a Ranch Party at the ranch of Maury H. Hughes, Virginia Alpha. His son, Frank Martino Jr., is past president of Texas Alpha.

George McCoy, the new president, has been holding weekly luncheon meetings at the Y.M.C.A. private dining room on Fridays. These have proven to be very popular and the attendance has been well above average.

At Cleveland

Sig Ep alumni in the Cleveland, Ohio, area are meeting twice monthly at luncheons held on the second and last Friday of each month. The place: the Nanking Restaurant, Hipp Theater Building, on busy Euclid Avenue, with both Chinese and American foods to please the palates of the Greek-letter brothers.

Spring activities will include one or two dinner meetings, with special programs, and possibly a dance or golf tourney. Active members from Ohio Zeta at nearby Baldwin-Wallace College are frequent participants in the Cleveland alumni programs.

Officers for the current year include: Robert Ford, Ohio Gamma, president; Jack Gamble, Washington Alpha, vice-president; Creighton Davies, Ohio Gamma, secretary; Clayton Jack, Ohio Alpha, treasurer. The Cleveland alumni's board of directors includes these officers and K. B. Wiggins, Ohio Gamma; Charles Stewart, Florida Alpha; Richard Steudel, Michigan Alpha; George Maurath, Ohio Gamma; and Jim Robinson, Ohio Zeta.

—JACK GAMBLE

At Memphis

More than 75 Sig Eps attended the 14th annual Christmas party held in the Claridge Hotel, Memphis, on December 27. The group attending included alumni, actives and pledges from chapters in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Michigan. John Freeman, Tennessee Alpha, '47, served as toastmaster. The party consisted of a banquet followed by a dance. It was held at the Claridge Hotel in Memphis.

Alumni in the Memphis area are holding regular luncheon meetings once a month.

At Stevens Tech

New Jersey Alpha initiated the following alumni on February 11, 1949: George H. Savale, '46, adjuster, Fire Companies Adjustment Bureau, Inc., New York City; George W. Von Hofe, '21, president, New Jersey Machine Corp., Hoboken, N.J., and president, Packaging Machinery Manufacturers' Institute. Both men are on the New Jersey Alumni Board.

At Norman

Preceding the annual Golden Heart dance February 12, alumni of Oklahoma Beta held their first reunion at Red's and Ed's College Inn, Norman. Approximately 60 brothers and their ladies were present to enjoy Sig Ep fellowship. Special guests included Vic Vanaman, traveling secretary, and Tom Sexton, district governor.

Plans are being made for the organization of the Oklahoma Beta alumni club at the chapter's founders' day dinner in the spring. All Oklahoma Beta alumni are urged to send their correct mailing address to Frank E. Heaston, alumni relations chairman.

★ BRIEFS ★

Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy, and the dividing of our grief.—CICERO

Arkansas

Joe Haines, '26, and Fred H. Murdock, '24, were recently elected to the board of directors of the Tulsa Real Estate Board. Haines was made president of the board.

Bucknell

Arthur Rowe, '48, is employed by the Du Pont Company in Orange, Tex.

William Scheible, '48, is also employed by the Du Pont Company and is working in Waynesboro, Va.

Albert G. Williams, '48, is working for the Texas Company.

Dartmouth

Reynolds Moulton, '35, is currently employed by the John C. Paige Insurance Co., Portland, Me.

John Teagle, '50, is attending Louisiana State University.

George Sackett, '20, is working for the Recordak Corporation of the Eastman Kodak Co. in New York.

Hal Parachini, '37, is presently teaching at the Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia, Pa.

George Davis, '28, is employed by the Glens Falls Insurance Co. in New York.

John Densmore, '50, is a student at the University of Vermont.

Jerry Farrell, '45, is a law student at Georgetown University.

Illinois Tech

Bob Mullen has a sales position at Lancaster, Pa.

Hank Bierman, '49, as a Navy ensign, will leave shortly for the Pacific area.

Jack Clancy, '49, is a consulting engineer with Marshall Field in Chicago.

Jack Russell, '49, is employed by General Electric in Erie, Pa.

Indiana

Charles Hungerford, '49, is employed by the Spiegel Company, Chicago, Ill.

Johns Hopkins

W. S. Hoffmeister, president of the Eastern Oklahoma Alumni Chapter, is research geologist with the Carter Oil Company at Tulsa, Okla.

R. L. Waterfall, '29, is president of the Johns Hopkins Alumni Club of New York City.

Leonard Eagan, '32, is vice-president of the Savings Bank of Baltimore.

R. H. Bussard, '29, is superintendent of service at Washington Gas Light Company, Washington, D.C.

H. F. Gibbs, '29, Washington D.C., is in Tucson, Ariz., for an extended visit, where he will follow the progress of the Cleveland Indians.

T. A. Strohm, '34, is manager of Hopper-McGaw and Company in Baltimore.

T. L. Robey, '33, is co-ordinator of gas production research for the American Gas Association at New York City.

Bob Herder, '42, president of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, is vice-president of Rubber Millers, Inc.

H. H. Golz, M.D., '31, visited Baltimore recently from Saudi Arabia where he is connected with four hospitals of the Arabian American Oil Company.

John L. Sullivan, '32, is special representative for A. Marchand, Inc., Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Burton Lock, '46, entered Johns Hopkins Medical School this year.

Warren Wurzbacher, '48, entered Johns Hopkins Medical school last fall.

Dodd S. Carr, '45, was awarded the International Nickel Scholarship at Hopkins and will receive his master's degree in chemical engineering this year.

Kansas State

Lt. Col. John H. Rust, '32, is one out of nine military and public health officers recently assigned by the Atomic Energy Commission to training centers for study in biology and medicine. Although his regular assignment is in the Army Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C., he will spend this special six-month assignment at Duke University, Durham, N.C.

Lawrence

Ernest J. Engquist, Jr., '29, is an economist with the Federal Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., in charge of the Retail Trade Census, entailing compilation of data on approximately 2,000,000 businesses in the U.S.A., Alaska, and Hawaii. His home is in Alexandria, Va., at 813 Chalfonte Drive, where he lives with his redheaded wife Becky, also Lawrence, '29, a precocious daughter, 14, and a very normal son, 8, named John.

Albert Merle McCallen, M.D., '25, is chief of the x-ray service at the Pratt Veterans Administration Hospital, Coral Gables, Fla.

Walter Hunting, '23, athletic director and football coach at Denfield Senior High School, Duluth, Minn., received the Litkenhous Trophy awarded by the *Minneapolis Tribune* in recognition of having coached the mythical state champions.

Paul M. Vincent, '18, superintendent of schools at Stevens Point, Wis., was re-elected treasurer of the Wisconsin Education Association at its annual convention at Milwaukee last November.

Massachusetts

Laurence A. Bevan, '13, is director of the Agricultural Extension Service at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

William S. Coley, '16, says, "Son is a sophomore member of Sig Ep at Cornell."

James T. Nicholson, '16, executive vice-president of the American Red Cross, writes, "Still traveling at home and overseas but managed to get acquainted over the holidays with two assorted grandchildren."

George W. Noble, '30, is production supervisor, Ordnance Division, General Electric Company, Pittsfield, Mass.

Alexander C. Hodson, '28, is professor of entomology at the University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

Chester L. French, '34, is head of the Analytical Laboratory of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Mo.

Edward B. Nassif, '35, owns and operates the Professional Pharmacy in North Adams, Mass.

David H. Johnson, '39, is a partner, C. R. Brome Gas and Oil Company, in Suffield, Conn.

Middlebury

Joe Jones, '47, was recently appointed coach of the American Women's Ski Team for 1949.

N.Y.U.

Reunion Party was held at the chapter house on Friday, March 11. Over 40 returning alumni joined with the actives in New York Gamma's best reunion since the war.

Walter S. White, '48, now with the Aetna Life Insurance Co., is remaining chairman of the William M. Davidson Memorial Committee until the memorial plaque is completed and dedicated in the front parlor of our new chapter house.

George E. Wolf, '48, who's production of *Hansel and Gretel* was screened in six cities over the Dumont Television Network, has been named assistant director and cinematographer on the film *Building Futures* produced by New York University's Department of Motion Pictures in co-operation with Public School 17, New York City.

James F. Stomber, '43, past president (1941-42), with the Lee Higginson Corporation, New York, has moved into his new home on Grange Avenue, Fairhaven, N.J.

Warren Flaherty (formerly Delaney) owns and operates his own tobacco farm near Newburg, Md.

Walter K. McEnaney, '47, is with the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, New York.

Oklahoma

Larry Stephenson, '48, is working with the U.S. Treasury Department as Deputy State Director for promotion of U.S. savings bonds. He has offices in Oklahoma City.

Jimmie Rodgers, '48, is in law practice with his father in Holdenville, Okla.

David George, '48, is on the legal staff of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Memphis, Tenn.

Oregon

Douglas Eden, '47, has resigned as production manager of McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency, Portland, Ore., office, to become advertising manager for a local newspaper.

Joseph Frick, Jr., '31, who conducted the campaign of John Hall for governor of the state of Oregon, has resumed management of his stationery store at Portland.

Richmond

J. Thomas Johnson, '38, is district salesman for the Liebel-Flarsheim Company, manu-

facturers of physical therapy x-ray electro-surgical and allied apparatus, Greensboro, N.C.

Stevens Tech

A. Harold Peters, 21, has returned to Manhasset, Long Island, where he is associated with Edward L. Dominge, Jr., licensed real estate and insurance broker.

Alvin M. Stock, '22, heads a special committee of the Stevens Alumni Association, formed for the purpose of obtaining additional new equipment for the college and its expanding research facilities.

N.J. Alpha's other representative on the Stevens alumni executive committee is Charles R. Nichols, Jr., '29.

The William W. Connolly, '41, family now includes a son and two daughters. Bill is a proposition engineer with the Babcock & Wilcox Co., New York.

Sig Eps active in the Stevens Metropolitan Club include C. D. Maddy, '14, who is a new member of the program and publicity committee; Alvin M. Stock, '22, who is trustee and also chairman of the yachting committee; and A. E. Blirer, '35, trustee and house committee chairman.

Edward J. Spoerer, Jr., '40, Peter W. Dobi, Jr., '41, and George Micklus, '43, are reported taking courses at the Stevens Graduate School.

Prof. Edward F. Cross, '29, head of the engineering division at Walla Walla College, came back for a visit to New York last summer. His verdict: "The big town is a mad house, and we are well rid of it."

Milton Franklin, '43, is assistant manager of the Franklin Music Company, Hollywood 28, Calif. His new home address is 8112 Wisner Ave., Van Nuys.

William E. Cooper, '45, is working toward a Ph.D. degree at Purdue. His home address is Apt. 2, Building 12, Ross Ade Drive, West Lafayette, Ind.

Francis M. Van Voorhees, '23, is clerk for the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Newark, N.J. His home address is 135 Orton Road, West Caldwell, N.J.

Representing Sig Ep on the Stevens Alumni Interfraternity Council are Prof. Kenneth J. Moser, '28, and Walter Steinmann, '21.

—ARTHUR E. BLIRER

Syracuse

G. Palmer Humphrey, 34, was recently elected a member of the Society of the Plastics Industry and also a director of the New York section of the Society of Plastic Engineers.

Tennessee

Prof. Charles E. Allred, was elected chairman of the Marketing Section of the recent

meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers.

Texas

Robert E. Watts, '32, has joined the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, at Dallas, Tex., with headquarters in the Tower Petroleum Building.

Edward T. Sponberg, Texas Alpha, '46, is employed by the National Supply Company at Houston.

Tulsa

Jack Mitchell, '47, was graduated from the Institute of Insurance Marketing, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., on January 28, 1949. He is a special agent of the Columbia National Life Insurance Company with offices in the Daniel Building, Tulsa, Okla.

Utah State

Donald C. Carter, '40, assistant professor of sociology at his alma mater, expert in the field of youth activities and an Eagle Scout, was recently made chairman of Utah State's annual Boy Scout Powwow.

Clinton E. Peterson is research associate professor in the horticultural department at Iowa State College.

Edwin D. Crockett, '40, is coach at the high school at Hansen, Idaho, and operates a ranch in that area.

William J. Gibson is a pilot for Capital Airlines, Detroit, Mich.

Harold R. Hyer is a field man for Carnation Milk Company at Harrison, Ark.

Guy Lewis is a resident surgeon in the U.S. Marine Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

Virginia

The law firm of Ernest L. Dyer, Virginia Eta, '22, alumni treasurer of his chapter and a trustee of the National Headquarters Corporation, situated at Norfolk, Va., and Merrick I. Campbell, Virginia Eta, '30, has a new associate—E. French Strother, Virginia Eta, who joined the firm on February 1.

Worcester

John C. Harvey, '08, has moved from Chestnut Hill to North Falmouth, Mass.

Roland A. Packard, '08, is a consulting engineer in Watertown, N.Y.

Edward T. Jones, '14, and Winfred D. Wilkinson, '18, were chosen as Massachusetts Beta representatives on the steering committee for the revival of the Boston Sig Ep alumni group, at the organizing meeting last February.

★ VITAL DATA ★

Burial

Maj. George Hart, Kansas Beta, '37, who died in the crash of the Atlantic Clipper at Lisbon, Portugal, on Washington's Birthday, 1942; first buried at Lisbon in the English section of the cemetery, subsequently moved after a few years to a new American cemetery at St. Ewald, France; finally laid to rest in a new grave at Topeka, Kan., the city of his early schooling, on Pearl Harbor Day, 1948.

A lieutenant in the reserves, Hart was called to Washington, D.C., when World War II threatened, where he was made a captain, then major, and given a special assignment in intelligence. Nine months later, en route to Army headquarters in England, he met his death.

Participating in the burial service, the Rev. John W. Hart, father of the deceased Army officer, said, "Wars will never be settled by the force of arms, but by force of love and mutual understanding." A spray of flowers was placed on the grave at the request of Hans Bierbaum, of Frankfurt, Germany, whose close friendship with the deceased began in 1934, and persevered throughout the war years unto death—a friendship in keeping with the philosophy of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Pallbearers were brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon and included John Hester, Virgil Cowan, Wayne Carlson, Dale Carman, Merrill Wertz, and R. M. Sears.

William M. Davidson, N.Y. Gamma, killed in Germany April 27, 1945; laid to final rest on November 27, 1948, at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Montclair, N.J. Pallbearers: George R. Freund, '43, president of Sig Ep Alumni Chapter of Greater New York; Walter K. McEnaney, '47, past president, New York Gamma; Warren Flaherty; Marvin Dorethy; George E. Wolf, '48, past president; and James Ellwanger, secretary of the New York Alumni Chapter. The active chapter was represented by the president, William H. Schofield, of Orange, N.J. Following the services the brothers were guests of the parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson, Jr., at a buffet luncheon at their home in Upper Montclair.

Expelled

"They are free men, but I am banished."

—SHAKESPEARE

Maurice Peter Cartier, Colorado Gamma; no details reported.

Robert Louis Brannan, Texas Alpha, '45; no details reported.

Richard Thomas Scott, Texas Alpha, '45; no details reported.

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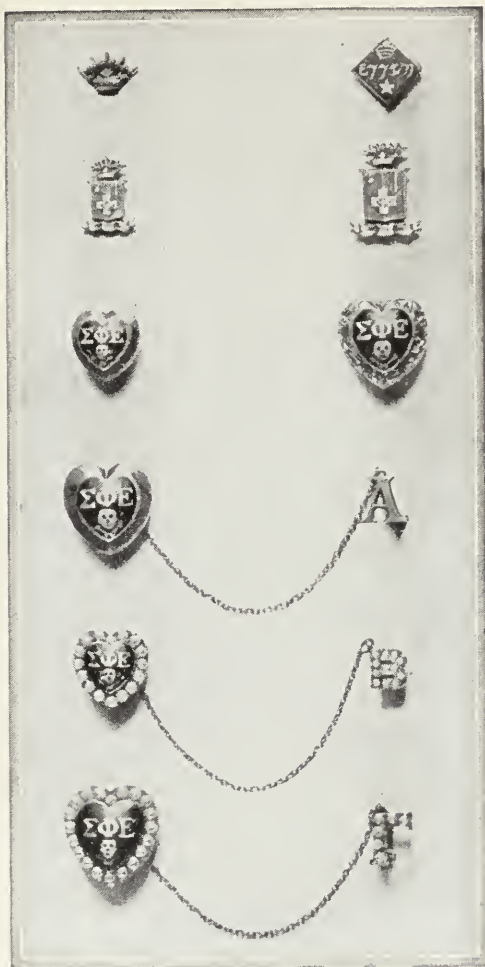
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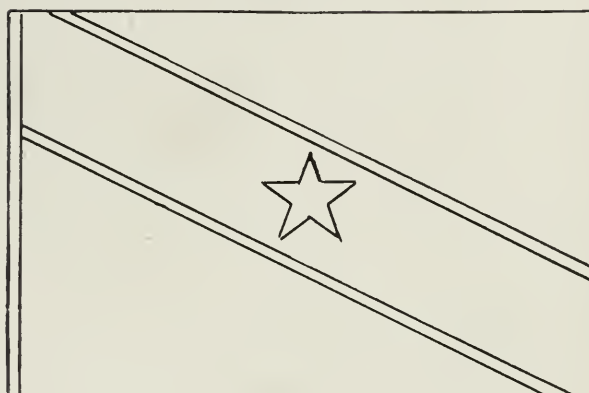
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